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## SUPPLY OF GOVERNMENT PEAT.

## CONNECTED FILES.

## NUMBER

137/24.

Allocation of Peat Banks to Stanley Householders.

233/46.

Grant of Peat Allowance to Govt. officials.

1482.

Peat Haulage.

C.S.O. No.....

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No.....<sup>2</sup>

Office

1 Re. put up to. When free  
part was added. for G.C.S. -  
for Reu.

ABL  
21.1

See 233146

PA ABL  
25.1



ditto

Address.

What is position re supply

of fuel to Aust. quaters? Does

Aust supply? & see one reason why

it should.

Ans 27/1

W.D.K.  
27/1

Re. Au. Red 4.

0046.

Official  
Allowance

Actual  
Delivery  
1945/46  
Season

Sullivan House (Hon. Col. Sec.)	100 loads	.....	107 loads	
Customs Officer (A.R. Carr)	70 "	.....	124 "	
Director of Agriculture (Dr. J. Gibbs)	80 "	.....	91 "	
<del>Supr. E. &amp; T.</del> (J. Mercer)	54 "	.....	61 "	- $\phi$
Supt. of Education (H.L. Baker)	60 "	.....	126 "	
Govt. Gardner (H.R. Evans)	54 "	.....	82 "	
Government House Green House	100 "	.....	188 "	
Government House Furnace Conservatory	300 "	.....	155 "	
Caretaker Govt. House (E. Headford & M.L. Gleadell)	54 "	.....	56 "	
Government House	180 "	.....	350 "	
Admiralty Cottage (Nurses' Quarters)	80 "	.....	57 "	
Hospital & Rock Cottage	654 "	.....	692 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Secretariat	300 "	.....	246 "	
Cable House (Senior Medical Officer)	80 "	.....	101 "	
Dockyard Cottage (Executive Engineer)	80 "	.....	127 "	
Constable O'Sullivan	54 "	.....	60 "	
(1) Government Engineer (G. Kelway)	54 "	.....	72 "	- $\phi$
W/T Operator (W.B. Miles)	54 "	.....	59 "	- $\phi$ x
W/T Operator (S. Atkins)	54 "	.....	61 "	- $\phi$ x
Legal Office	- "	.....	18 "	
Marine House (Medical Officer)	80 "	.....	154 "	
Dr. Hamilton	80 "	.....	60 "	
Constable Fleuret	54 "	.....	53 "	
Dockyard Buildings	30 "	.....	257 "	B
Chief Constable	54 "	.....	66 "	
Police Station Furnace	230 "	.....	358 "	
Gymnasium	300 "	.....	642 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	B
Power Station	20 "	.....	21 "	
E. I. D. E. Canteen & Head Quarters	150 "	.....	170 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
School (Government)	150 "	.....	128 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Agricultural Office	100 "	.....	38 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
School (Infants)	- "	.....	48 "	
Public Baths	54 "	.....	64 "	
E.&T. Store	- "	.....	20 "	<del>#</del>
Hospital Caretaker	40 "	.....	41 "	
P.W.D. Office	- "	.....	144 "	B
Eliza Cove	- "	.....	60 "	
Meteorological Station	- "	.....	141 "	
Printing Office	- "	.....	34 "	
Public Assistance (Mrs. V. Atkins)	40 "	.....	40 "	C
(2) Church (Visit of H.M.S. Uganda)	- "	.....	15 "	
Dentist Quarters	- "	.....	36 "	
Assistant Col. Sec. (L. W. Aldridge)	- "	.....	36 "	
Public Assistance (Miss. L. Peck)	- "	.....	12 "	C

Capt. Aldridge (Assistant Col. Sec.)	180 yds.	(Cut, Rickled, Stacked)
Mr. Mercer (Supr. E. & T.)	148 "	(Cut, Rickled, No trans.)
(3) Mr. Enestrom (Acting Post Master)	180 "	(Cut, Rickled, Stacked)
(4) J. Turner (Dental Mechanic)	180 "	(Cut, Rickled, Stacked)
(5) B.N. Biggs (Acting Customs Officer)	54 loads	(Cut, Rickled, Trans.)

- Notes (1) £3 -10 -0 repaid to XIV 13 Peat Supply  
 (2) £10 Government Contribution  
 (3) While acting as Postmaster  
 (4) For 1946/47 season only  
 (5) While acting as Customs Officer.

It was Church House at Church, used as a Canteen during 'Uganda's' visit.



E.E.

I am obliged for 4. I believe verbal authority was given by Sir A. Cardwell for the excess over Office allowance to be provided in certain cases. Can you clarify?

2. Re. comment on

Φ Why is this Office given free fuel?

Α serious difference between <sup>Office</sup> ~~and~~ allowance & actual delivery. Which is wrong?

Γ Why do "Pur keep" get free fuel?

3. Re. confirm that X is in acc. with ① in 233/46 letter. That ruled that hence, here, Adm<sup>l</sup> & Engineering provides them in transport.

*ABE*

3.2.47

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

X Sir Alan Cardwell informed me, when I reported on the large increase of fuel consumption, that the expression "free fuel", when used in a contract with an Officer appointed in U.K., meant sufficient fuel to meet that officer's personal needs. He added that the personal needs were bound to vary considerably in individual cases & ∴ to fix any arbitrary allowance was absurd. Accordingly, Officers appointed in U.K. with "free fuel" were given as much as they could be given. Previously there had been an allocation given paid for Government House & Co.

2. Φ These officers are W/T Officers & as such have always been allowed free fuel of 54 loads per annum. Similarly the Marine Engineer has 54 loads per annum.



under the terms of his agreement with the Govt.

3. B. Dockyard Buildings. The figure of 30 loads has never been amended to allow for the new boiler which heats the main store. The 30 loads merely allowed for the small Combustion Stores in the various workshops. 200 loads is a reasonable allowance for the boiler.

\* Police Station. The presence of prisoners during the period under review is in part responsible, but I understand the Night operator on the Telephone Exchange now does the stoking at night & keeps the boiler going full out for his own comfort.

Gymnasium. The 300 loads was the figure allowed when the baths only were used five days per week with weekly cinema performance. The boiler is now working full time to heat post Office & hall which is much more used.

P.W.D. Office and Electrical Dept. This is a new item introduced after the Town Hall fire.

4. C. These issues were made on instruction when ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~fact~~ ~~concerned~~ became the responsibility of Government for their housing. Miss Peck's Supply has been stopped.

5. No transport is provided for Messrs. Aldridge, Humer, Ederstrom & Turner. Transport is provided for Mr. Biggs.

\*. I find that quite unknown to me & as a result of some authority many years ago — the Police Station boiler heats St. Mary's Church — whether there should be any charge for this I cannot ascertain as no record seems to be available.

J. S. E.  
4.2.47.

No need  
in  
change  
AB



A.C.S.

5      4 on 4 with 2 at foot of

Are they the only W/T operators to  
get free peat? If not, who are the others  
- Why do they get it? I thought it  
was only the few who had lived at  
the Limerick Station who received free  
peat (free quarters?).

C.B.L.  
5.2.47

H.C.S.

The following is the position:-

Free fuel.

Mr. J. Mercer  
Mr. S. Atkins  
Mr. W. B. Myles

allowance in lieu.

Mr. G. Lanning  
Mr. W. Roberts  
Mr. W. Bonner

All the above operators lived at the  
W/T stations in Stanley, South Georgia  
or Fox Bay before the war and received  
free fuel.

A.L.S.  
5.2.47

H.E.

3 has taken some time to answer.  
Govt. supplies peat free to all overseas  
officers who are supplied with quarters.  
As a number of locally appointed officers  
for special reasons. In the case of  
the former, it is one of the terms of their

I can see no reason  
for this at all & it  
shd. not be included  
in future apphs, except  
as payment.



8  
appt.

2. 4 is the list of peat issues in 1945/46. It discloses anomalies which are dealt with at 5-7.

3. The broad principle as to the issue of peat\* to local appts. officers has been stated. Their duties are such as to make their absence cutting their own peat unduly onerous & hence a inconvenience to them. Thus Mr. C. M. Stokes, Caretaker G.H., G.H. Gardiner, & certain senior officers (see 233/46 below) have been granted peat. There can be no justification for free peat to people in receipt of Public Assistance.

Reasonable enough but it should be paid for

Name.

W/T Operators get it by the terms of their appt. which (when the W/T staff lived at the W/T Station before the war) included quarters fuel.

4. Mr. Biggs gets free peat because he is acting in an appt. (Mr. Carr's) which carries that. When a new C.O. is apptd. it will be excluded from the terms of the appt.

✓ Agree.

5. I do not agree with x on 5. but shd. fix a definite allowance for each

\* or a cash allowance in lieu.



quarter, - an officer shd. get his own  
if he needs more.

6. I shd. prefer to see all officers  
pay for their own post (i.e. rent their own  
quarters, for that matter). But that  
means complete revision of conditions  
of service & the point may be K.I.V.  
for such revision, Sh. J.E. contemplates  
making?

*Abel*  
7.2.47

In a country where in contradiction to  
others, fuel is so readily obtainable free provision  
is entirely illogical; it should not be ~~included~~  
in future appts (S.O.s shd. be so informed) and  
its withdrawal must be an integral part of the  
revised conditions of service.

In the meantime there shd. be a fixed  
allowance; my predecessor's argument cannot  
be sustained.

*M.C. 8/2*

Yes, as  
in margin  
above. - 8



10  
E.E.

See this file

1 shd. to office if you would  
recommend what you consider an  
appropriate allocation for each quarter;  
- when file for savings to M.S.

Abel

8.2.46

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

17

I attach a Schedule in duplicate showing my  
recommendations as requested above. You will note  
that in the case of Quarters most allocations have been  
slightly increased, this has been done as from past  
experience the present allocation has never really been  
adequate & does not compare favourably with the  
average accepted requirements of local people, who  
being responsible for cutting their own fuel are not  
likely to work to a higher quantity than necessary.  
The usual amount allowed is up to 60 loads per  
Season, & from this, working on the normal interior  
economy of a local home, one may assume 40 loads  
for Kitchen & 20 for other & occasional fire. - i.e.  
40 loads per Season for continuously used fire.

2. We discussed the question of the future  
appointment of Officers from U.K. & their <sup>fuel</sup> supply.  
It was generally agreed that the fuel supply would  
best be covered by either a monetary allowance  
or an appropriate adjustment in salary & that  
Officers make their own arrangements for supplying  
themselves with fuel from private sources & not Government.  
During the first period of their service here however &  
while they are making such arrangements (it would  
be impossible in winter months) the Government will  
have to supply fuel but <sup>this should be</sup> on repayment.

But  
as  
x  
as  
"

Agree  
Mc 20  
11/11



3. You will note that I have shown Mrs. V. Atkins on the enclosed list. At this stage of the fiscal season it would not be fair suddenly to stop her supply & if she is called on to pay for her own the P.A.C. will have to increase their grant. From the terrible expenses we all had when this lady first moved into Hodsons Villas I feel present arrangements should as far as possible be left, but I understand she has a husband & daughter in full employment & would suggest P.A.C. review the question of her fuel supply before next season.

4. If when officers shown on the attached list are notified of the revised allocation when approved, I would suggest some proviso as to the measurement of the quantities supplied. When the previous allocations were in force there was a continuous wrangle as to the exact amount various lorries & carts held & on one occasion the D.P.W. had to have the lorry unloaded on the road & the sacks counted.

*A.S. E.*  
11.11.47.

E.E.

Thank you.

S2 I think we agreed that future appts. must pay, without considering adjustments in salary & monetary allowances? Anyhow, I prefer it like that. In other words 'for fuel' will be excised in future appts.

(Y 7 9).



2. §3 I'm afraid I don't know this lady's history. But if she has a hus. and a daughter in full employment then is no reason that I can see why she should have P.A.C. assistance, let alone free heat.

3. Re inform P.A.C. that if they wish to go on giving her assistance, that is their concern. But (unless Govt. can be convinced to the contrary) no free heat.

4. §4 <sup>L</sup> Yes. What do you suggest?

5. What do you estimate as cost of 'Proposed Allocation'?

6. Sullivan House You are aware that heat is economically used here: but there is central heating and at least 2 intake fans. Assuming 2 fans in Senior Officers Quarters @ 120 loads, or 150 loads reasonable for S. House?

7. Re. put 'Actual Heating' for p. 4 in red against 'Proposed Allocation'.

ABL  
12.2



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13-12

Proposed revised list of peat allocation <sup>in</sup> loads to Government Buildings and Quarters when occupied by an officer entitled to free peat.

Quarters.

Old Allocation.

Proposed Allocation

Government House	180	Actual	
" " Boiler }	300	350 Delivery	600
Government House Gardeners House	54	82 1945/46	60
" " Orderly's "	54	56 Season	60
" " Greenhouse	100	188	150
Sullivan House	100	107	200
Senior Officers Quarters No.1.	80	91	120
" " " " 2.	80	124	120
" " " " 3.	80	Undeclared	120
Junior " " " 1.	60	126	80
" " " " 2.	60	Undeclared	80
" " " " 3.	60	"	80
Admiralty Cottage	80	57	80
Cable House	80	101	120
Gilbert House	80	27	120
Marine House East	60	60	80
" " Central	80	54	120
Chief Constable	54	66	60

Buildings.

School	150	128½	150
Infants School	-	48	60
Secretariat	300	246	300
Legal Office	-	18	30
Baths	300	642½	700
Hospital & Rock Cottage	654	692½	700
Printing Office	40	34	-
Meteorological Station	-	141	150
P.W.D. and Electrical Office	-	144	150
E. & T. Store	-	20	20
Agricultural Office	100	38½	60
F.I.D.F. Headquarters	150	170½	150
Eliza Cove Plant	60	60	60
Power Station	20	21	20
Police Station	230	358	300
Workshops in Dockyard	30	257	30
P.W.D. Store, boiler (main)	-	-	250

Personal Allowances.

W/T. Operators. J. Mercer	54	61	54
W.B. Myles	54	59	54
S. Atkins	54	61	54
Constable O'Sullivan	54	60	54
G. Kelway (Harbour Dept. Eng:)	54	-	54
Hospital Caretaker	40	41	40
Caretaker Public Baths	54	64	54
Mrs. V. Atkins (P.A.C.)	40	40	40

Temporary Provisional Allowances (Cut, Rickled and stacked)

Capt. Aldridge M.B.E.	180 yards
Mr. A. Mercer	180 "
Mr. E. Enestrom	180 "

(Cut, Rickled and transported)

Mr. B. N. Biggs	54 loads
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\* In: Bradley away. No. C.S. (in  
centre heating) till June 1946.



A

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Para. 2 on 14. I agree

" 3 I will discuss with Ch: P.A.C.

" 4 Other than "the quantity of peat finally delivered into a shed is to be that certified by P.W.D. whose decision is final" I can see no way.

" 5. I anticipate the current estimate of £1700 will cover the proposed allocation, with perhaps, a small balance for unforeseen demands - e.g. caution for Sheffield.

" 6. I am sorry, this figure should have been 200 &amp; I have altered the recommendation accordingly.

3 pens @ 40 =	120
1 boiler @ 80 =	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

" 7. Actual deliveries to shed in rd.

W.S. F.  
13. II. 47.

E.E.

B

I should be obliged to know when the last load of (wet) peat was delivered at S. House (i.e. with ~ 10 days ago) & how much there was. That is for fire only - shd. be a useful yardstick. Pl. do not add to it like I have done.

A.B.  
14.2.47

C

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

My first Foreman called & gave this information today & took your instructions I believe.

W.S. F.  
17. II. 47.

\* 2 permanent, drawing room & kitchen. 3 other 'possibles'; c 40 for the 3.

3 loads delivered, wet peat, lasted 12 days. i.e. roughly 90 a year (at summer rate of use of good peat)

Delivers 3 loads

17.2.47

Ind. Ct 3/13/47



HE.

9

S/S remains to be improved. Dept. term  
L/p: for comd fr.

Yes

2. In future? as in X on 11, but  
then revised conditions of service are in.  
Induced, no one gets free post.

App?

3. Since HE. approve the allocations re.  
commenced by ~~EE~~ EE at 13? That  
shows (1) old allocation (2) [in red] actual  
decision 1945-46 (3) proposed allocation.  
As to cost, pl. see X on 14.

✓

4. If so, they shd. take effect forthwith.  
see Gnt. Dept. since the Director to  
examine economy in the use of post.

A.B.

19. 2. 47

Issue. ST  
h.c. 9/11



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SAVING TELEGRAM.

*From:* The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

*To:* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Date:* 22nd February, 1947.

No. 17. SAVING.

Contemplated revision of conditions of service will include abolition of free peat which conferred in some cases and withheld in others provides source of discontent. Future offers to candidates for this Colony should therefore exclude this privilege. Peat is readily available at small cost.

GOVERNOR.

See 34, 40

See 14 in 249/46  
Candidates selected for  
appointment in Col. Assembly - conditions of service



(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

8th March, 19 47

To All Heads of Departments,

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Supply of Peat by Government.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the scales of free issue of peat by Government to all officers eligible therefor have been reconsidered, and that in future officers will be issued with peat free of charge up to, but not beyond, the amount approved. This can be ascertained from the Public Works Department. If more is required, officers will have to make their own arrangements at their own expense.

2. I am to ask you to bring this circular to the notice of all officers concerned, and to enjoin upon them the stringent necessity of strict economy in the use of peat which, in view of the bad weather, is in very short supply. The amounts referred to in the preceding paragraph cannot be guaranteed this year, and, in the interests of all, officers are asked to be as careful as they possibly can to make the best use of the peat available. If a cut in the allowance has to be made, it will be pro rata to the allowance, irrespective of the amount already consumed.

A. B. Matthews

VP.

Colonial Secretary.



E.E.

"Peat" recently supplied to Sullivan  
house is almost incombustible. Some is  
scarcely peat — it is really a mass of  
nut-size lumps of damp turf — i.e., if it  
smolders, gives no heat. The sods are  
thinly frost (they are not last year's  
available, looking as we should a year  
ahead?) & seem abnormally large, even  
allowing for shrinkage in drying.

2. I have done little else over the  
week-end except kind fires. The boiler  
fire went out twice on Sunday even though  
I had the damper free at the bottom



dar John, to make a <sup>Draught:</sup> ~~Diff:~~ I removed the 'peat' 3 lines & re-made the fire with wood. The drawing room fire went out on Saturday but was lit yesterday because I made the room into a drying room for 'peat'. The kitchen fire would not heat the oven on Saturday, but was fed with bones yesterday & heated enough to cook vegetables.

3. For very early report, please. It appears that Govt. servants are being given a quantity of peat unique in Stanley. Is the peat left rickled to dry, for use a year later? If not, why not?

4. I telephoned Joe Price at 0820 this a.m. & asked him to see that some combustible peat was sent this morning. What do you intend to do with the rest? Govt. Prices are not to be supplied with his brown, dark tangle of diddle-see roots & earth in the guise of peat. No one does it refuse to burn but it must heat vastly more than the peat to which they are entitled.

A.B.L.  
17.3.47



Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I very much regret the inconvenience you have been caused in the matter of peat.

2. The whole situation at the moment is serious by the end of March last year all our peat was cleared into Stanley. This year we have hardly started. Everything necessary is being done that can possibly be done & the Contractor is being urged to hurry.

3. I cannot agree that the peat is "unique" it was worse in 1939 & we then had no balance upon which to draw & many private citizens are in equally bad plight this year.

4. Any peat that is not cut from October to February will not in normal circumstances dry but will become "frosted". All peat cut this season is brought into Stanley & a "strahze" xelene is built up at the Town Hall & the Quarry. This in normal years covers the end of season period between the emptying of Sheds & refilling with new peat.

5. Peat left on the banks in stacks tends to weather & is often inaccessible in late winter.

6. The load you had delivered this morning was from the reserve heap & was pushed up on a P.W.D. lorry & not by the Contractor. The driver should have thrown it in the Shed & has been so informed.

7. My peat Foreman has I believe been to see you & explain matters in detail.

W. E.

17. III. 47.



EE.

I am obliged for 20 for the timely assistance yesterday. Mr. Aldridge was most helpful & the boat arrived in time to resuscitate the boiler for Mr. Red gave me by 1 p.m. I am using it most sparingly - mind with wet feet.

2. Could we use anything other such as Red & Charles Point?

3. 20 of 3 "by 'unique' I meant 'peculiar to Govt. servants'!

4. 20 of 6 my complaint was that the driver was asked to move it into the shed (by my wife): did not say that he would not do so: and went away leaving it in the middle of the yard. This I regard as discourteous.

ABH  
18.3.47

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

para. 2. above. I feel the cost of handling & the loss of <sup>by</sup> five handlings would make this proposal rather hopeless.

W.S. F.  
19.11.47.

PA GBE  
21.7



EE.

A

Was it not the practice in the past to cut down feed one year ahead? If so, when & why was this practice discontinued?

B

A. Bly  
30/5

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

There seems to be some confusion as to the "year ahead". In 1939, & previously, I believe the banks were all cleared by Jan or Feb, in the year & the first feed delivered in the following Sept. or just after had only just been cut — there was no reserve of dry feed. — & you can imagine the difficulty.

For the next few years we cut a little more than was needed <sup>each year</sup>, until a balance in hand was accumulated. This balance has never been as much as a year supply & with the "unlimited demand" policy, has varied considerably, but it enables the first issues to be made in Sept. — Oct. & is dry.

W. F.

2. VI. 47.

C

EE.

O.C. R.W.D.

You are updating a this matter. R. report also on excessive consumption at Honea when only 2 pigs have been going (i.e. the furnace feed is upstart). The basic allowance then is 120 (same as the senior officers quarters) but I do not think it has worked out so well as this.

Recalled 20/8

Retained for Sino 20/8

A. Bly  
20.8



Honourable Colonial Secretary

The peat question has always been a problem and source of friction between the P.W. and officers receiving free peat

This is due to the different classes of peat and the weather which is an important factor in producing good value fuel.

Peat that has been subjected to rain and frost continually throughout the drying season as in 1946/47. makes very poor fuel and is not economical in that it must be chopped small in order to get a fire at all and loses much of its heating value

x | The Honourable Colonial Secretary has reported an <sup>excess</sup> in peat consumption at Sullivan House and probably this is the reason.

In an endeavour to obtain better peat I would suggest that all the 1948 allocation be cut before the end of 1947. subject to weather conditions thus allowing more time for drying before the autumn

24 I beg to submit an estimate of cost of providing drier peat in accordance with latest allocations.

P.L. O/c. P.W.  
50-8-47.



Actual peat allocation for G. H. and buildings 1947.

14, 514 c.yds.

With a view to building up reserve 2, 486 c yds.

Total 20,000 c yds.

Cutting at 8<sup>d</sup> per yd. £ 666 - 13 - 4.

C.O.L.B. on cutting 66 - 12 - 0

Rickling at 1½<sup>d</sup> per yd. 125 - 0 - 0

C.O.L.B. on rickling 20 - 0 - 0

Throwing out say 5000 yds

at 2<sup>d</sup> per yd. 41 - 13 - 4.

C.O.L.B. on throwing out 7 - 10 - 0

Stacking 2,486 c yds 31 - 1 - 6

C.O.L.B. on stacking 5 - 0 - 0

(Contract) Transport at 1/3<sup>d</sup> c. yd. 1250 - 0 - 0

Peat foreman's wages for 6 months

not previously charged to peat. 99 - 13 - 4.

! £ 2313 - 3 - 6

Peat money in hand for the  
remainder of this year £390.



25

Hon. Col Sec.

26 Submitted for your  
instructions please.

D.L.  
20-8-47.





Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.  
30th Aug, 1947.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

As my peat supply of 54 loads is now exhausted,  
I would be grateful if I could be supplied with a  
further issue, deducting from my 1947-48 allowance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A Porter*

Thro

Officer-in-Charge,  
Public Works Department,  
STANLEY.



27

JPE

1. I have spoken to G.E. about the peat  
question: 9 18-22 show correspondence  
dealing with my own experience with peat  
this year.

2. For various reasons, of which the  
chief are increased <sup>overall</sup> consumption ~~for various~~  
~~reasons~~ & deterioration in quality of  
peat, we have not kept to the proper  
technique of winning the peat in ample

cf. 6-5  
x ~



A

cf. 20 3<sup>2</sup>

time for it to dry out in early summer weather, the season prior to its use. Thus we have started a vicious circle when the peat cannot be cut & used economically unless we have a S.W. & get ahead of ourselves again. If we don't, progressively more extravagance is inevitable.

6 months' work  
comes in to  
Feb/March 1948?  
i.e. only  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the  
work can be completed  
in this financial  
year so that  
SW shd. be for  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  of £1923.3.6?

2. 24 shows that O.C. P.W.D.  
estimates that he can spend £2313.3.6  
in 1947, from which we can  
deduct balance of 1947 i.e. 390.0.0  
leaving provision to be made by S.W. subject to Z.E.'s approval £1923.3.6

This is a formidable sum, but per. see  
p. 1, 6. It is ~~unusually~~ in excess of £x on 14.

3. For 1948 all peat issues to Officers  
in shore agreements such as front does not  
appear will cease. S/S will be referred  
to 16 i.c. w. D: Gilmore, shore contract  
includes for peat.

He is going to Fox Bay  
and get the coal?

4. having S.W. to prepare, etc.?

C. Bly  
2.9

B

I do not understand why this situation has been  
allowed to develop; my predecessor assured me that peat  
was being cut a year ahead and was of excellent quality.  
The A.H. supply ever since my arrival has been quite appallingly bad.  
M.C. 2/18



O.C. R.W.D.

A

In your early remarks on H.E.'s minutes on 28 Dec. At 23 you say you can spend all the money this year: but at 24 you show Peat Foreman's wages for 6 months.

2. I will deal with the point about

D: Gilmore.

A.B.L.  
3.9

B

H. C. S.

I regret my attempt at estimating the peat supply has been misleading. I have taken the work for the season into consideration rather than the work for the year. It is hoped to complete all work except transport and possibly some stacking before the end of 1944. As the winning of peat is all subject to weather conditions it is impossible to say definitely how much can be done by the end of the year. Peat cutters have been stopped from cutting some weeks before the end of the year, because the money for that particular year was finished, thus losing some valuable drying weather.

I feel sure if the money allowed for peat could be arranged to cover the season, usually Oct/March, it would be a great benefit to all concerned.

2. The unlimited supply granted to Officers, P. S. renting Gov Bldgs and buying Gov peat, the extra heating furnaces installed in Gov Bldgs. and the installation of stone fireplaces are partly responsible for the increase. The weather again is an important factor as the peat foreman reports out of 4,000 yds of peat stacked on the bogs only some 2,000 will be fit for fuel.

O.C. P.V.  
4-9.

"Pinner's individual"  
John. Lister

I doubt if the stone fireplaces do in fact use any more than the "Peasobles"



HE.

28-29

W: Lees Lopes to spend the money (weather permitting) before the end of 1947. But we can deduct say £50 i.e. Foreman's wages because he was only an employee on peat work for 3 months. If for any reason the money is not spent, we could use the 1948 vote when if that was exhausted revoke the balance of the S.W. provision.

Qos.

2. D: Gilmore Yes, Sir. [But D: Arthur will be in Stanley, & he is entitled to free peat].

3. 29 B § 2 Messrs. Jones & Halcott are leases Bot. Qos. & paid for the peat they found in them. His payment shd. be credited to revenue. I find that it has been credited to 'Overpayments Recovered' & goes back into the Peat vote. Thus the point at x is scarcely relevant.

✓

4. Y in 29 B § 2 This represents a loss of some £400, due to cutting peat for Calc.

Which is bad husbandry?

Needs must, I suppose

Qos. 1

5. Wice Y.E. to S.W. for £1923-50  
= £1873 ? We shall have to report to S/S under F.R. 35(2).

?

6. The explanation of Y.E.'s question at B of 28 is partly at B § 2 of 29 partly at the top of A of 28.

✓

mc 6/1x

C.B. 6.9



O.T.C. P.W.D.

30

Re. money for S.W. for £1873.

2. Re. discuss of 3 of 30 with A.T.

Ch  
8.5

Hon. C. S.

S.W. applied for, thank you.

2. I discussed 3 of 30 with A.T. he agrees.  
this payment should be credited to.  
O.P.R., 19 P.W.R., 3. Peat.

D.B. O/c. P.W.  
9.9.



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MINUTE.

6th September, 1947. 32

From

O.i/c. Public Works;

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Re our telephone conversation this morning. The value of the peat unfit for use is £91. 13s. 4d.

Cutting 2000 c.yds. @ 8d

Stacking 2000 c. yds. @ 3d

= 2000 c. yds. @ 11d = £91. 13s. 4d.

*Shees.*

O.i/c. Public Works.

*This amounts to £4 2s 6d which was based on a telephone message.*  
*ABE*  
*10/9*

*pp ABE*  
*9/9*



33  
YE

Don't keep 5 Yrs for case pr.

Ch  
18.9

Issue the 18/IX



2 Copies to A/T for information.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 19. 9. 47

Time: 14.35

Received: ..... Time: .....

No. 532. Peat Supply.

Head XIX/5 1947 Estimates provides £1700 for this service. Owing increased overall consumption and deterioration quality peat former procedure of cutting and drying supply in advance of requirements has not been practicable in recent years and it is essential to provide forthwith additional funds to break vicious circle and lay in stocks thus ensuring most economical use.

2. For this purpose Special Warrant for £1873 required and I seek your telegraphic approval under Financial Regulation 35 (2) to enable cutting to commence October.

16 3. I take opportunity to refer to my telegram No. 17 Saving of February 22nd.

Reply at 36  
GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

O.I.C. P.W.D.

LJH.

34 L.

for info ABC  
m/s

C. R. S.  
15.5

noted, thank you.



Original filed in 249/46  
"Candidates selected for  
Appointment in Col. Service -  
Conditions of Service"

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 11th September, 1947.

No. 80 SAVING.

Conditions of Service.

16 in  
this file.  
I should be grateful if request in my saving telegram No. 17 of 22nd  
February, 1947, that free post should not be offered to candidates in future  
could be noted. It was offered to Mr. T. J. Gilmore, Medical Officer, in  
30 in  
P/382.  
Crown Agents' Agreement 1/11/20950 of 5th May, 1947: clause 9 of which stated  
four days vacation leave on full pay would be granted for each completed month  
of service. In fact, under Regulation 2 of Leave and Passage Regulations 1937,  
he is entitled to five days.

31 in  
P/379.  
I take this opportunity to remark that Commander G. R. W. Cairner, R.N.,  
Personal Assistant to the Governor, whose appointment does not appear in  
Schedule "A" to those Regulations, is entitled to five days leave in respect  
of each completed month of service under clause 9 of Crown Agents' Agreement  
1/11/21000 of 16th June, 1947. In fact, he should only be entitled to four.

Reply at 14 in  
249/46. GOVERNOR.

For info  
D.H.  
2/5/47



DECODE.No. 40.TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 2. 10. 47    Time: 12.30    Received: 3.10.47    Time: 09.00.

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No. 352. Reference your telegram No. 532. Peat Supply.  
 Special Warrant £1873 approved.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

LJH.

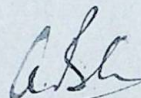
YE

36

34

L.H. S.W. et back

t.s. pl.

  
 3. x

A. W. signed by H.K. 4.10.47.



EE.

1. Supply free to H. Pinks 54  
load of fuel at the Bank. His wife  
cart.

2. This is because he is sick.  
Ladies is looking long hours over  
time for which is the ordinary way  
<sup>payment</sup>  
~~payment~~ might be demanded.

3. No such grants will be made  
etc 1947.

C. B. L.  
7.11



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MINUTE.

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From

E. E.

To

H. C. S.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

A.

Will you please state the name and address of the person to whom the free post is to be supplied

B.

E. E.

M<sup>r</sup>. A. H. Sedgwick,  
1, Hebe Place.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonial Secretary

noted & he has instructed accordingly

W. A. for C. S.  
11/11/47.

E. F. B. 14. XI. 47.

PA C.S.  
17.



No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

38

5th December, 19 47.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*(written in margin)*

May I please have an official list of the properties which  
~~are~~ entitled to free peat and amounts please.

*E. F. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.

*EE.*

*Re. see 15 § 3.*

*In reply*

*Detach copy & back.*

*ABH*

*Honourable Colonial Secretary*

*6.12*

*Notes thank you and copy & back detached  
E. F. Bunting 12/27/47.*



7E.

16

has since decided that it will be  
more convenient to discontinue the  
issue of the post to <sup>regularly - approved</sup> ~~approved~~ officers  
arriving in the Colony after 31.12.46.  
Since they will not have been approved  
for post they can have no com-  
plaint: - it fits in with the dis-  
continuation of the post to certain  
locally - approved officers who have been  
given it hitherto (starting with Captain  
Aldridge) after his year. [Incidentally,  
this will be made specifically clear  
to them].

2. Draft S/T for comm. to.

C.Bh  
12.12

✓ Issue.  
MC 12  
xii



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A

SAVING TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

12th December, 1947.

No. 119

16 My Saving Telegram No. 17 of 22nd February, 1947. Conditions of Service.

For Administrative reasons I have since decided that it will be more convenient to bring into operation rule excluding free post from conditions of service to newly appointed officers arriving in the Colony on or after 1st January 1948. Since action has presumably been taken on my savinggram under reference no hardship can be anticipated for candidates arriving in the Colony on or after that date will not expect to receive the privilege.

DRM.

GOVERNOR.

B

ACI

x n 39 fn. a. pl.

ABh  
15.12

C

ACS I have noted x on 39 and have informed Messrs. Mercer & <sup>Biggs</sup> Cnestrom accordingly, pl

ACS  
29.12.47

*Dr. W. H. ...*



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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

41

24th December, 19 47.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

According to statistics held in the Public Works Department, 254 loads of peat were used at Sullivan House in the period October, 1st 1946 to September, 30th 1947.

13 The allowance of peat to Sullivan House is 200 loads per year and thus an excess amount of 54 loads has been used.

May I please be informed if an account should be rendered by this department?

E. J. Bunting

Executive Engineer.

M. A. S.



EE.

41

Plan see 12 § 6: 13: 14 A § 6:  
14 B: 18-21: X a 23:

2. You will note that this was not unexpected in view of my reporting "excessive consumption," as I thought.

3. In fact, the 120 loads suffice for the house-fires: though there are more rooms than at the other bungalows which have the same allowance. But this is because of the central heating without which the house would be intolerably cold.

4. Inquire at 14 B shows that summer rate of <sup>fire</sup> consumption is about 90 loads a year. [80 was suggested in advance by EE at 14 § 6 as a rough estimate]. I estimate that during the 6 summer months some 45 loads of good furnace fuel will be consumed: during the 6 winter months at least twice that - let us say 100 loads: making 145 in the year. This added to the 120 'basic' rate



43  
for hour. fire = 265 loads of see peat.  
Which is more than the 254 reported  
used at 41.

5. Nevertheless, since we have in-  
stalled no cooking I hope there will be  
<sup>greater</sup> saving in 1947-48. I shall be  
obliged for a report in due course.

6. Likewise, in view of 17 5/8  
I accept the moral liability for a  
surcharge on 54 loads. but would re-  
mark: - (1) quality of peat shd. be  
improved in the next year (cf. 23 x).

(2) Sir Allan Cadzow, in  
directing the installation of the furnace  
central heating at Selkirk House, must  
have had in mind a rather excessive  
peat consumption there: which it was difficult  
to assess in advance.

(3) John Best Foreman is in  
a position to report on  $\phi$  above. He will  
perhaps also confirm that there is a  
quantity of incombustible substance still  
in my yard.

ABL  
30.12



A  
Honourable Colonial Secretary.

noted by. and a report will be submitted in due course  
in during the winter months.

E. F. Bunting 3/12.47.

EE.

B

Notes.

1. Mr. Les. Hardy tells me that using  
a furnace similar to that at Selman  
House - 2 wind fans (1 kitchen  
'Cookhouse' 1 sitting room) he gets  
ample hot water etc. in 120 loads a  
year.

2. How is so great a discrepancy  
to be explained?

ABE  
S.I.

C  
Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. Mr. Les Hardy does not use Government peat. The peat  
he uses is probably 3 years old which from my brief experience  
makes a very great deal of difference indeed, quite apart from  
the fact that the thermal content of peat varies very considerably  
from place to place (i.e. one bank may yield comparatively  
high thermal content peat whilst another very low - quite apart  
from maturing time)

E. F. Bunting 5/1/48.

EE.

D

Thank you. The fact remains that  
there is a formidable difference between  
120 - 250 loads. Both have a  
monopoly, apparently, of peat de-  
scribed as x of C!



45  
2. Magazine notes on 14 B show that  
a 'load' lasts 4 days when used  
for the furnace at Suliman Han. I  
have recently kept a further record  
find 1 use of powder 1 barrel load  
= Day. If 3 barrel loads = 1 cu.  
yard. 3 cu. yds. = 1 'load' then  
must be something wrong with 14 B?

C.B.L.  
7.

E.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted &c. I suggest this be left over until I have some  
experience of similar conditions here.

C.F. Bunting 8.1.48.

Bu.

76

C.B.L.  
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0032  
MINUTE.

24th January, 1948.

From: The Executive Engineer,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



*Returned to SE.*

*H.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of all correspondence concerning the consumption of peat at Government quarters during Mr. Jones' occupation.

May I please be informed if further action is required of the Public Works Department.

*B.*  
*B. J. Bunting*

Executive Engineer.

*He shall be taken to Court if he  
refuses to pay*

*ABL*  
*20.1*



47.

~~C.~~  
H.

E.E. as in no 8 pt.

W. Jones  
28/1/48

H.C.S.

B.

Should this file be passed to the legal department please

E.S. Bunting 29.1.48.

C.

E.E. you should apply for a summons on behalf of Govt. and may use the correspondence filed herein in support of Govt's case

Legal Dept.

D

W. Jones  
30/1/48

Will you please advise as to correct procedure

E.S. Bunting 2.11.48.

~~W. Jones~~ K.H. F.

E.E.

We have spoken.

K.H.

4/2.

attached please find application of the department  
E.S. Bunting 5.11.48.



MEMORANDUM.

5th February, 1948. 148

From: The Executive Engineer,

To: The Legal Secretary,

Stanley,

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands Government v Mr. Frederick F. Jones.

As head of the Public Works Department I hereby make a formal claim against Mr. Frederick F. Jones in respect of the consumption of Government Peat during the time of Mr. Frederick F. Jones' occupation of Government Quarters.

Quarters.	Date of Mr. F. F. Jones'		Quantity of Peat in Peatshed		Peat Consumed (loads)	Value @ 6/6d per load.
	Entry	Leaving	On entering	On leaving		
Senior Officers' Quarters No. 1 Ross Road West	9th July, 1947.	25th August, 1947.	38	18	20	£6.10.-d.
'Gilbert' House	25th August, 1947.	17th December, 1947.	25	10	15	£4.17.6d
TOTAL					35	£11. 7.6d.

Although Mr. Jones moved into Ross Road West on 9th July, 1947 he had held the key for some time previously and immediately prior to his entry to both both houses he checked the peat with the Peat Foreman. The latter informed Mr. Jones of the assessment on each occasion and no objections were raised by Mr. Frederick F. Jones.

Under these circumstances I beg to apply for a summons against Mr. Frederick F. Jones.

*E. S. Bunting*

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.



E. E.

(48) needs reduction -

All that is necessary is <sup>(a)</sup> what is contained in the frame and may I have this in duplicate please

(b) A specific request for a summons against Mr. J. for payment of £11-7-6 "as shown"

J.S.D.

M.

M.

Attached please find two copies of amended application

E. S. Bunting

10 Feb. 48.

application withdrawn.

J.S.D. M.

11-11-48

H.C.S.

noted by.

D.

E. S. Bunting

23. Feb '48.

E.

EE.

Confirming my verbal remark the other day I wish to record that some at least of the best supplied to Hilman House is now like



50  
dehydrated grass  
~~the same as~~ than peat. It burns  
rapidly, gives little heat. Some, in  
the the hands, is admirable brown  
almost like coal. You are keeping  
an eye on the shale question. There  
can be no valid reason for the poor  
quality of peat this year in view  
of pp. up to 34, 36 herein.

C.B.L.  
25/2

H.C.S.

noted by. and I am looking into the matter.

E. F. Bunting

25. Feb. 48.



51  
0032  
Stanley,  
24th February 1948.

The Magistrate,  
The Supreme Court.  
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to give notice of appeal to the Supreme Court from a decision delivered to me in the Magistrate's Court on February 24th 1948, in the matter of £6-10 (plus 5/-) costs alleged to be due from me to the Executive Engineer.

I courteously request that I may be granted a trial by jury.

I base my appeal on the following grounds:-

1. Over twenty Falkland Islanders, with whom I have discussed the matter, assure me that it is virtually impossible to have consumed 20 loads of peat in the 6½ weeks I lived at No. 4 Ross Road and under the circumstances of the case.

2. The evidence and figures given by my witness, Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, who has had 26 years experience in selling peat, would, I believe, have convinced any Falkland Islands jury of my innocence.

3. Peat Foreman Aldridge was "caused to be called" by the Magistrate and questioned by the Magistrate exclusively, four days after the hearing of the case between the Executive Engineer and myself. Aldridge was never called by the Executive Engineer as a witness nor in any other capacity.

4. In view of the fact that the Magistrate "caused Aldridge to be called in"; I appeal to be allowed to call upon Mr. K. Hutchinson, refuse contractor, under similar circumstances, to give further evidence. He assures me that the amount of ashes he carted away from No. 4 Ross Road was definitely insufficient to cover a consumption of anywhere near 20 loads of peat.

5. The whole of Plaintiff's defence is based on an exchange of letters between Col. Woodgate and myself, last July, when I promised, in good faith, to accept the peat figures given by the Peat Foreman of P.W.D. In Court, I asked the present Executive Engineer if he would have accepted a figure of 2000 loads of peat from his Foreman instead of 20 and in



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summing up at the end of the first day's hearing the Magistrate repeated that question himself, to the Court in general, including my witnesses. The exchange of letters was given in written evidence but not the latter part.

6. I am not convinced that the P.W.D. and myself are referring to the same house. I lived at No. 4 Ross Road W., whereas they refer to Senior Officers Quarters No. 1 Ross Road West, which may well be the Colonial Secretary's house.

7. At Ross Road West I am alleged to have consumed over 3 loads of peat per week, which is far more than even Stanley House uses, whereas at "Gilbert" House the consumption is given at less than 1 load per week.

8. It is unjust that I should suffer because there appears to be no relationship between the amount of peat alleged to be consumed in certain Government owned houses and the peat consumed in private houses.

9. I suggest that a fair charge for peat consumed at No. 4 Ross Road West would be at the rate of 1 load per week, though the actual consumption was probably less.

To conclude I would like to say that from a strictly legal point of view I presumably did wrong in not challenging Peat Foreman Aldridge's statement in reply to the Magistrate's question to-day. However, in my evidence four days earlier, I had already categorically contradicted exactly the same figures as given by the Executive Engineer, who said that the figures had been given to him by the Peat Foreman.

Furthermore Aldridge was not called by the Plaintiff but by the Magistrate, four days after both Plaintiff and Defendant had stated in Court, on oath, to the Magistrate, that they had no further statements to make. At the end of the hearing the evidence from both parties, on the first day, the Magistrate told the Court in general that he did not want to make a hasty decision and thus would not give his verdict for 2 or 3 days. The fact that Aldridge was "caused to be called" by the Magistrate in those words, took me by surprise.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

1108



53

EE.

A

50

For an keeping a separate tally  
of peat for funeral consumption  
at Belin House?

Abel

12.4

H.C.S.

B

The peat funeral has been instructed weekly

C.P.B. 18/4/48.

PA  
Abel  
29th



No.

MEMORANDUM.

54

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

3rd June, 19 48.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to confirm your verbal instruction of 1st June, 1948 to the effect that the Public Works Department is now responsible for the periodical cleaning-up of all peat sheds on Government properties occupied by officials entitled to free quarters and free peat.

*E. F. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.

*1/2*  
*by*  
*7.6*

*PA*  
*2*



4CS  
to the  
your Bk. on 45  
1/4  
9/10/08

for. w  
15.9 1/9.6

MEMORANDUM.

10th August, 1948.

From: The Executive Engineer,  
STANLEY.

To: The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

53A I have the honour to refer to your note on the subject of peat supplied to Sullivan House.

1. More peat will be supplied today 10th August, 1948.
2. Original quantity of peat supplied to Sullivan House at the commencement of the season.
  - (a) 150 loads of "House" Peat.
  - (b) 50 loads of "Furnace" Peat.

In addition a further 6 loads of "Furnace" Peat were supplied in July.

3. It is regretted that accurate separate consumption figures cannot be given since the Public Works Department workman working at Sullivan House has informed the Peat Foreman that if he finds some good peat amongst the "Furnace" Peat he uses it in the house.

4. It is suggested that accurate records may be kept by the workman quoted in paragraph 3. above.

*C. J. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.



56  
EE

55 § 3 Because our quality  
house peat was found among the  
furnace peat (- vice versa). In  
the whole, what was used for the  
house was offset by poor quality  
house-peat used for furnace.

2. However, I have stopped this  
as we are doing our best with

55 § 4.



3. Please say how long the present stock of house peat is supposed to last. Kindly record the quantities of house peat supplied to Sullivan House each year for the last 5 years.

H.C.S.

B

13/8

3 above. The new season commences on the 1st October and thus the peat delivered should last until 30 Sept. I regret that records held by the peat foreman c/o Sullivan House go back to 1945 only.

No furnace in  
w.e.f. 6.6.46 only

[cf. also p. 4 for  
quantities supplied  
in other years  
in 1945/46]

→ 1945	107 'loads'	(th: Bradley left in (other)
'46	204	(including balance left over
'47	254	from th: Bradley?)
'48	220	(supplied up to 16 August 48)

Biff

16.8.48.

C

Then shd. be ample peat to last till 30 Sept. on which date I shd. like an estimate of quantity left: as it can be ascertained by filling the shed & deducting that amount from quantity supplied.

Bv. 25.9.48

17.8

Bv 25/9/48



A.

E.E.

As at C on (57), re

Q.

to CS.  
25/9.

B.

H.C.S.

Noted and Peat Foreman instructed accordingly

E.H.B.

28.9.48.

B.U.  
30/9/48  
26/9

C.

E.E.

In report re (C on 57 refers)

Q.

to CS.  
30/9/48

D.

H.C.S.

The peat foreman reports that the stock  
contains 28 loads on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1948

E.H.B. 1/10/48.

E.E.

E.

6 (?) loads of furnace peat were supplied on 25.9.48 (?), for experimental purposes. Note of the check the (?)'s.

2. There is also a quantity of furnace peat on the plinth of the Old Guard Room, awaiting a decision whether

F

H.C.S. 1. 6 loads of furnace peat were supplied on 25/9/48.

2. The peat on the plinth of the old guard room was an issue one and above the peat allowance and was not taken into account

in the 1947 and 1948

E.H.B. 1/10/48.

B.U.  
30/9/48



In conversation with the Peat Foreman the other day I learned that though my own peat shed was kept clean this was not always the case in the houses. I claim no credit for this — it is due to proper supervision & to the furnace being available to use up the peat dust.

2. It seems to me however that there must be a considerable waste of peat as things as (I have myself seen P.W.D. removing perfectly combustible 'nobbles' of peat with peat dust for a peat-shed). I suggest ∴ that in the interests of economy periodical screenings of peat sh. be carried out by the P.W.D. at request of Officers who can then use up the 'nobbles' and let P.W.D. remove the dust for consumption in a furnace or for spreading on farms.

3. R. S. savings. The cost in man-power will be slight & the prevention of waste of an invaluable commodity is to be encouraged.

ASL  
S. x 48



H.C.S.

noted by and arranged accordingly. I must however point out

1. That all Government officials normally employ a peat boy part of whose duties include the sifting of peat thereby retaining the nobbles for use

2. Before I arrived the siftings were then carted away by P.W.D. Since I arrived however I have been informed that it is a P.W.D. responsibility to clean out the sheds and now it appears the sifting of peat is also P.W.D. responsibility. Thus this renders unnecessary for the tenant to employ a peat boy

3. Officials receiving free peat are as shown below.

- 1/ The H.C.S. Sullivan House
- 2/ The Auditor
- 3/ The L.S.
- 4/ The Naturalist
- 5/ The EE.

Of these 1/ has a cartage who is responsible for the sifting of peat. 3/ 4/ & 5/ <sup>employ</sup> ~~have~~ peat boys who sift the peat and who have not asked that P.W.D. should do so. I spoke to the Auditor & said I did not consider that the sifting was a P.W.D. work.

4. Thus as stated in above I will instruct the peat foreman to arrange accordingly.

EFB 7.10.48.

W. Lumsden

B

Pt. no 59-60 - finish in

With your remarks.

L  
S.x



61

H.L.S.

It is submitted that the recrudescence of this appears to be unnecessary in view of the fact that some 4 months ago, on your instructions, Dr. Arthur's peat mine was screened by the P.W.D.

2. It was agreed that the economy in peat effected, the fact that senior officers should not be expected to carry out this arduous work themselves, were sufficient reasons why it should be done by men of the P.W.D.; the work is far too heavy to be done efficiently by a peat-boy. The E.E. is particularly fortunate (or so he told me some time ago) in being able to employ, out of hours, one of his labourers as a peat-"boy."

3. The E.E. may have overlooked the fact that in 1949 only three officers including himself will be affected, consequently the strain on his department will not be excessive — if done regularly <sup>properly</sup> perhaps a morning's work every three months.

H.L.S., whom I have consulted in drafting this minute, agrees.

R.B. 11/10/49.



62

A.

EE.

/ agree with 61. R. S. proceed.

B.

 $\frac{L}{11.7}$ 

H.S.B.

shored by.

C.H.B. 12. x. 48.

B. 16/1 x  $\frac{L}{13.7}$ 

C.

N.D.

For 58. This looks nearly 3  
 weeks — of a full mid season. of  
 14 magnified notes. This gives an  
 average of 104 loads per season  
 per. In summer a load lasts  
 4-5 days. The lit. of For 58  
 lasts 3 1/2 days a load.

B. 11 x  $\frac{L}{16.0}$ PALY  
1.11



No.

MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested  
that, in any refer-  
ence to this memo-  
randum the above  
number and the  
date may be quoted.



30th October, 19 48.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Subject: Peat.

I have the honour to inform you that day work cutting of  
peat commenced on the 28th October, 1948.

053 2. As you are aware from my minute of the 15th September, this  
means a very severe cut in the labour available for building construction  
and thus a severe decline in progress is inevitable.

7. As head of the department ~~was~~ responsible for building  
progress I have no wish to prolong the time necessary for the peat  
cutting, but am alive to the fact that discontinuance of the contract  
system will lead to a slowing up in completion time.

4. A partial remedy is to cut less peat and I should be grateful  
if you would warn all Government peat users to exercise the utmost  
economy in order that Government requirements may be lessened  
considerably.

MS  
D.A. M  
L  
1.11

C. F. Bunting  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.



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4th November, 19 48.

To: All Heads of Departments,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

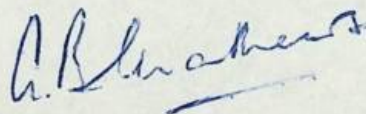
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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SUBJECT:- Economy in Use of Peat.

No private contractors have come forward for the cutting of Government peat and it has been necessary to employ Public Works Department workmen, thus interfering with the building programme.

2. In the circumstances, it may be necessary to reduce the quantity of Government peat normally cut and I am directed by the Governor to ask you to impress upon all concerned <sup>the necessity</sup> for strict economy in the use of peat.



Colonial Secretary.

PAL  
5.4



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MEMORANDUM.

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that in any refer-  
ence to this memo-  
randum the above  
number and the  
date may be quoted.

27th November 19 48

Hon Colonial Secretary

Supervisor E & T Dept.

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



SUBJECT:- Peat Supply for Operator E.S. Smith.

I beg to report that a request (verbal) was made to the Outer office of the PWD on Monday last for a supply of peat for Mr E S Smith, W/T Operator at the Stanley W/T Station. Mr Smith has not received any peat since his arrival in Stanley, and the supply already in his shed was left there from a consignment to Mr Myles during last season.

It has taken most of this week to negotiate for peat and I am now advised, on a Saturday morning that I must write in for peat for Smith.

The position now is that this officer has no peat left and I would be grateful if instructions could be issued to give the same privilege to Mr Smith as is already enjoyed by the other operators, Mr Hooley and Mr S Atkins.

Mr Smith does not receive an allowance in lieu of peat.

*A. Mearns*  
Supervisor E & T Dept  
27.11.48

*Is he entitled to peat?*

*N.C.S. yes.*  
*W. J. G. 30/11*

*By*



66

E.C.

A.

Mr. E.S. Smith relieved Mr. Nyles and is entitled to the same seat allowance as that enjoyed by Mr. Nyles.

2. Will you please arrange:

L.H. Jones  
30/11/48.

H.C.P.

B.

Noted & seat foreman instructed accordingly

E.H. 21 XII/48

C.

SET

to note, pl  
L.H. Jones  
12/12.

D.

Hon. C.S.

Noted Thank you

AM SET  
13.12.48

L.H. Jones  
12/12

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Our Ref.  
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South America.  
7th January, 1949.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee to ask you to be good enough to meet a deputation, consisting of Mr. R. Hills and Mr. K. Hutchinson, at 2 p.m. today if possible, to discuss questions which have arisen in connection with Government peat.

I am also to ask that a reply to this letter will be made direct to the Chairman, Mr. J. S. Barnes.

*Hon. Agt. S. agreed to meet  
deputation, and Mr. K. Hutchinson,  
who brought this letter, undertook  
to advise Chairman F.I.L.F. in  
accordance with para 2 above*

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*L. Darling.*  
Secretary.

*L. Darling*  
7/1/49

*pp. early*



28  
Record.

- 6) Lucas kill a Dutchman informant E.C. suspect <sup>(Benett)</sup>  
Thompson a McKenzie (K.O.D. evidence) were wanted for  
killing Pratt and did not wish to do so.

It was pointed out to them that there was but the  
cream in cutting and they should now continue with the work  
said to - also Govt could not allow men to say what ~~they~~  
they should do.

It was left to E.C. to ascertain the reason for  
selection & there was for the lot and settle the matter.

Kils.

8/1

10/11/41  
8/1

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Our Ref. ....

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South America.

18th Jan., 1949.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee to inform you that a further question has arisen in connection with Government peat.

A number of our members employed in P.W.D. have, after spending a very long season cutting Government peat, been directed to rickle the peat which they have just finished cutting. The work is being done on hourly pay., and the men have been told to take their dinners to the bogs. Apart from the fact that to send cutters rickling is contrary to local custom, the men have already spent a long season working on cold food, and they have protested to the Committee as to this.

The Committee consider their members' complaints justified and have instructed them to come up to town for dinner each day, and it is hoped that transport will be provided for them for this purpose.

A further communication will be sent to you in due course regarding the proceedings of the Public Works Department in this and other matters.

Ack. 18.1.49

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

H. D. Dewling

Secretary.



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Our Ref. ....

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.



Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South America.

18th January, 1949.

Sir,

With reference to the Chairman's conversation with you this evening, regarding men employed on hourly pay rickling peat, and of their coming from the peat bogs to their homes for their midday meal, I am instructed by the General Committee to emphasise that the men concerned have spent a very long season cutting peat on cold food - up to eleven weeks in some cases - and that it is considered that they are entitled to a change from this to the normal midday meal at home.

I am therefore to request that transport will be provided to bring the men up from the bogs at midday and back again at one'o clock.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*L. Dearnley*  
Secretary.

Ack. 20.1.49

*W.H.*

20/1

71

2. B

To for comment pl.

N/A.

20/1

H.Aq.C.S.

1. Immediately following the meeting between the Hon A.C.S. the EE, Mr <sup>Hill</sup> ~~Baines~~ & Mr Hutchinson. I spoke to the General Foreman & the Peat Foreman and instructed that he the latter should ask for volunteers for the nickling.
  2. In this he failed - no volunteers came forward for nickling on the existing Federation labour rates.
  3. Cut peat must be nickled if definite wastage is not done.
  4. The only solution was to accept a time loss by placing men on day work and in an agreement with Federation conditions they were told to carry their midday meal for which they would be paid 1/- per day. This the men backed by the Federation have refused to do. Accordingly further time loss is now taking place daily by the men walking to and from the bog at lunch time but I cannot recommend the commencement of transport as a right. I advise against such a course.
- 25 Jan 1949.



H.Aq. C.S.

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There is approximately two weeks work still to be done  
using the present labour strength.

EJH 4 Feb 49.



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# Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

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Our Ref.  
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South America.  
1st February, 1949.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee to forward for your most careful consideration the following statements regarding the proceedings of the Public Works Department in matters affecting its labour force, and especially its attitude in connection with the cutting and rickling of Government peat.

In this colony it has long been customary for employees to be invited to take on contract work- the local term which covers all piecework jobs- and for them to accept or refuse it as they wished. In P.W.D., this meant that before each peat season the Peat Officer enquired among the workers as to who wished to cut peat, and he naturally only approached those men he knew to be capable of the work. Often, men who wished to cut peat would themselves approach the Peat Officer beforehand. By this simple means, until the 1948-'49 season, a gang of efficient peat cutters was obtained every year, and the same procedure applied to rickling, except that cutters were not asked to rickle as well as cut, and that a number of persons outside the Department, including some women, rickled Government peat more or less as a spare time job, in addition to such Government employees as accepted the rickling contract. Thus, as will be seen, Government for many years got its peat supply cut and rickled with little or no trouble so far as labour was concerned, simply because custom was followed by successive Colonial, and later, Executive Engineers.

But at the beginning of the 1948-'49 season, ideas concerning peat cutting which can only be described as revolutionary, appeared in the management of P.W.D. Employees were astonished to find a notice posted listing the names of men, some of whom were known to be indifferent peat cutters- for peat cutting is not just a matter of strength but involves considerable skill which, as in other jobs, is not acquired by everyone- and some of whom had never cut peat in their lives, who had been "selected for peat cutting". Apart from the strangeness of selecting men for a contract job who were not accustomed to the work, this action was regarded as rank dictation by the men, as they were ordered, and not asked, to go on contract, it was the chief cause of the demand for more pay for the work which was advanced by the men, the other reason being to cover those who were unskilled and would be likely to lose money by going on the contract.

The Committee, however, took the view that contract rates should be settled at the same time as the basic wage question, and before calling a meeting of the men concerned, decided to seek an interview with the Executive Engineer in order to discuss the matter informally with him. The Chairman and Secretary saw the Executive Engineer with the General Foreman, but it was soon clear that neither of them understood the nature of peat cutting, and the impression was got that the Executive Engineer was not disposed to listen to anyone who did understand it. The interview was not in any way helpfull.

The Committee adhered to their view that contract rates should be settled together with the basic rate, and considering that the award of 2d per hour on the cost of living bonus would improve matters for the poor cutter, decided to overlook the Executive Engineer's peculiar methods of selecting peat cutters, and to urge the men to accept the contract at the previous year's rates.

Why do they  
use these  
Silly terms?

It has nothing  
to do with the  
basic wage  
which is still  
settled.

I don't think  
the poor cutter  
is badly.



After some very heated debates this view was accepted, but no sooner had it been accepted than the Executive Engineer produced a new contract which had the effect of reducing the rate for cutting a wheeling bank by one penny per yard, and offered it to the men. It will easily be seen that this action, since it was done without reference to the Federation, and acceptance of contract by the men depended largely on the Committee's declared belief that the Governor's statement that he wished to come to a decision as to wages and cost of living bonus by the end of the year was seriously meant, might have created a serious situation. On this happening, the Executive Engineer was informed in writing of the decision to cut at the previous year's rates with the new 2d per hour increase on the cost of living bonus and that it did not relate to the new contract suddenly offered to the men on the 30th Oct., without reference to the Federation. He replied that this was due to a misunderstanding on the part of the Peat Officer, and that he had intended that the rates should be the same as last year's rates, with the increased cost of living bonus.

Following this, it was decided that the Chairman and Mr G. Harrison would see the Executive Engineer and discuss the whole matter with him, but when they went they were obliged to leave his office as he informed them that the peat question had nothing to do with the Federation. On their going to see the then Colonial Secretary the matter was settled within a few hours, the peat being cut at the previous year's rates with increased cost of living bonus and with certain small modifications suggested by the Federation. It was these modifications which it had been hoped to discuss with the Executive Engineer had it not been for his peculiar attitude. Since this incident the Committee has dealt direct with the Colonial Secretary in matters relating to P.W.D., without reference to the Executive Engineer.

*Q. Co. 1, Jan 50? If so it is quite wrong*

68. From this point matters in connection with peat went fairly smoothly until, on the 5th of January, 1949, two members of the Federation stated that they had been ordered to leave off cutting peat and begin rickling. To order men from one contract to another is also an unheard-of thing in this colony, and the two men were advised not to accept contract rickling. This was the subject of an interview on the 7th January between Messrs. R. Hills and K. Hutchinson and the Acting Colonial Secretary at which the Executive Engineer was present, and was very fully discussed, our representatives endeavouring to explain to the Executive Engineer the nature of peat management.

The only result of this interview appears to have been that when the cutters finished their banks they were asked to go on contract rickling. When, as was natural, they rejected it, they were detailed to do the work on hourly pay and to carry food with them. On enquiring as to a man to warm food for them in accordance with the Labour Advisory Board's recommendations, which were accepted by employers, they were told that it had been agreed by the Federation that if ten or more men were carrying food they were entitled to a man to prepare food for them but as there were only eight men involved in the present case, they were not entitled to it.

*28f (iv) 114/45 L.A.B.*

The only agreement covering this is that contained in Appendix C of the Labour Advisory Board's recommendations of the 18th Sept., 1946, which states: "When men are required to carry meals to their work, one man will be allowed sufficient time off normal duties in which to prepare meals for the others", and which makes no stipulation as to numbers.

*28d 114/45 L.A.B.*

These men considered that they had already had a long season on the peat and had carried food during that time and were now entitled to their normal meals at home. They also referred to the inconvenience caused in their homes by the necessity to prepare two dinners each day, one to be taken to the bogs and the other for those in the house.



70 The Committee considered this a reasonable attitude, supported the men, and instructed them to come up to their homes for dinner each day. The Acting Colonial Secretary was informed of this and the hope was expressed that transport would be provided for this purpose, and on the 18th January a request was made for transport, there having been no reply to the previous communication regarding it.

It will be seen that the attitude of the management of P.W.D. in this matter had been of a most unreasonable character but up to the middle of January had been met with the utmost patience by members and Committee alike. The patience of both is very nearly exhausted however.

It is not intended in any way to bring up the incidents of the 1st November, 1948, with reference to the Executive Engineer, but I am to point out that as a result of them, the then Colonial Secretary assured the Chairman and Vice - Chairman that the Executive Engineer would be told to treat the men properly in future. In view of the late incidents in connection with the peat it cannot be said that there has been any improvement in this respect, and the Committee consider that they are entitled to an explanation of all these proceedings and that an end should be put to the present absurd state of affairs, the responsibility for which does not lie with either the Labour Federation or its members employed in P.W.D. Both have been very patient indeed, and cannot be expected to be so indefinitely, for our continued efforts to settle matters reasonably have been wrecked by the strange obstinacy shown by - we do not know why - the other party involved.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*L. Osarling,*  
Secretary.

ACK. 2.2.49

K.O. 71-72

E.E.

73 answers for your comments pl.

K/O  
1/2.



H. A. G. C. S

1. At the commencement of the Peat Season I asked the Peat Foreman to produce a list of names he would like to know to be desirous of peat cutting:

Wth. could not be permitted.

2. On producing this list it was discovered ~~that~~ by the General Foreman and myself that the Town Hall construction would come to a complete standstill if the men chosen were allowed to go cutting.

Jeux  
raisonnable

3. In fairness Ball works on hand therefore I considered the only practical way to ensure balanced effort was to choose a proportion of men from each job. This was done by my consulting both the General Foreman & the Peat Foreman - Twenty men were chosen and the list posted.

4. The creation of piece work cropped up and subsequent to H.C.'s announcement of the extra C.O.B. The Federation agreed to work on the 1947/48 rates with an additional  $\frac{1}{2}^d$  p.yd. where a man used his own wheelbarrow. This latter point was finally fixed by ~~the~~ late Colonial Secretary.

5. My minute of 71 covers the nickling of peat. There is no question of contract whatsoever - no man has been asked to sign any kind of agreement and since the nicklers are on hourly pay (owing to no volunteers) their distribution is, I maintain, entirely at the discretion of the E.C who will continue to attempt to balance work on hand with priorities.

Agm

- b. Regarding the hot meal point on two occasions the stove fittings in the shelter on Surf Bay Road have been stolen. Each theft ~~was~~ reported to the police and on each occasion the stove was repaired ~~immediately~~ in order that the meal could be prepared. The Port Foreman has never approached the General Foreman with a request that one man be allowed time off for preparation ~~immediately~~. ~~There is no complaint~~ No complaint was issued on this point during the cutting season and it would appear therefore the real complaint is that they <sup>- the men</sup> consider they have carried meals long enough. (3 months as against an English ~~London~~ labourer's whole life)

Why not?

But we shd.  
help when we  
can. <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>position requires</sup>  
8.

- The transport is a concession only and must never become a right

8. All in all it is considered that the men have been very fairly treated. No pay has been lost through wet weather and indeed on many wet days in addition to their pay they have had time off owing it being impossible to suddenly find indoor work.

9. The nickels having been on day work will provide a source of extremely interesting statistics as to the output of the labourers engaged - This will form the subject of a separate report <sup>77</sup> c.d.c. <sup>6</sup>

byß



PEAT RICKLING

I have the honour to submit the following statistics relating to the rickling of peat. This report should be read in conjunction with my minutes B on 71 and A on 76 in C.S. file 0032.

*herein*

1. The following men rickled peat at Piecework rates.

- (a) E. Biggs = 1124 c.yds. in 5 working weeks.
- (b) H.H. Biggs. = 3037 " " 9 " "
- (c) B. Peck. = 1989 " " 4 " "(may have received help from young son.)
- (d) H. Peck. = 160 " " 1 week subsequently dismissed for refusal to rickle.
- (e) J. Goodwin. = 1251 " " 3 working weeks(not normally a Gov. employee)

ie. 7561 c.yds. in 990 man hours.

ie.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  c.yds. per man hour approx.

2. No other volunteers came forward and thus the following men were detailed to rickle peat on hourly rates of pay.

- (f) W. Kiddle.
- (g) A. Middleton.
- (h) R. Kiddle.
- (i) G. Harrison. (since left Government)
- (j) J. McKay.
- (k) J. Thompson.
- (l) W. McKenzie. (sacked after having accomplished 220yds in 120 hours.

Between them these men rickled 2560 cubic yards and "threw out" 701 yds. in a sum total of 1060 man hours.

ie approx.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cubic yards per man hour.

3. Thus in the first group a man earns approx.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour(exclusive of C.O.L.B.) as the Labour Federation price for on cubic yard of rickled peat is  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d and the second group approx.  $3\frac{3}{4}$ d. The latter reflects grave discredit on these men's willingness to work as it is quite impossible, owing to the area covered., for the peat foreman to supervise them all continually.

*Very illuminating.*

*C. F. Bunting*

Executive Engineer,

26th. February, 1949.

*Office  
X aton pps x x r p  
L.H.*



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# Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

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Our Ref. ....

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South America.

14th February, 1949.

Sir,

I am instructed by the General Committee to ask that His Excellency be good enough to interview a deputation, consisting of Mr R. Hills and myself, on the subject of the cutting and rickling of Government peat and the various questions which have arisen from it, at his convenience.

It would be appreciated if the interview could take place at about five in the evening, as this is the most convenient time for the members of the deputation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. Durling.  
Secretary.

ack. 14.2.49

KK's memo. at 76p.



Y.R.

73 on roads.

The case of the matter is in the road 'invited' in para 2 of 73. As the men remain in para 2 of 77 have not 'invited' and do not follow has been adopted - with the concurrence of the A.L.F.

Clearly & disambiguously.

2. In the long run I think it would be sound policy to transport men working more than 3 miles from R.W.D.: to avoid spread from a further encouragement to work save the high cost of transport.

Yes.

Y.R. is seeing Mr. Barnes and K.H. 1/3.

A committee meets at noon.

Saturday.

With yours, EE & Peal Freeman.

M.C. 1/3.49

Said Barnes & Hill with EE & Lawrence. Barnes owns two coloured by his patent antipathy to EE but atmosphere was cleared, mutual differences disposed of & Fed. is to put up proposals for dealing with problem next year. It will certainly rear. 7/1



No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested  
in any refer-  
ence to this memo-  
randum the above  
number and the  
date may be quoted.

*Recd. 22.3.49*

21st March,

19 49.

The Honourable,

From. Executive Engineer.

The Ag. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

SUBJECT :-

I have the honour to inform you that the Meteorological  
offices are supplied with peat by this department.

Should the cost of this peat be met from Imperial or  
Colonial Money please.

*E. F. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.

*47.40.*

*last March on 1st 1949. It is to be noted that the  
cost of peat is £1.00 per ton. The cost of peat is  
£1.00 per ton. The cost of peat is £1.00 per ton.  
The cost of peat is £1.00 per ton. The cost of peat is  
£1.00 per ton. The cost of peat is £1.00 per ton.*

81  
A.T.

80 f. y. o. p.

W.H. C.S.

24.3.49

Low C.S.

Such supplies should to my mind  
be charged to Air ministry. H.F. if  
you supplies Sonospheric Station as well  
as met. fl.

W.H.  
26/3/49

L.F. We have been foretold. It was agreed in

Jan 1947 - see it in 255/46 - that we should start  
met. office and until the future of this branch is  
decided by H.F. when he goes home / do not think  
we can now vary. H.F. 29/3. H.A.C.S. noted C.H. 30/3/49.



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13th September, 49

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 7th of September, 1949, addressed to the Executive Engineer and to inform you that only certain officials, 4 in number whose service commenced before the 1st of January, 1948, are supplied with peat.

One official will leave this year and the others during the first part of next year.

I am to request you will be good enough to explain what bearing this has on the peat cutting conditions.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*K. W. Miller*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Falkland Islands Labour Federation

VP

83.

A.

C.C. to note (82) and to affix your papers  
at cover, pl.

Alfred  
14/9/49

H. Ag. C.S.

notes by and papers withdrawn

Effs 16 Sept 49

Records.

BU  
30/9/49  
Alfred

85-86 Peak contract increased with income taxes.  
This a loss was amended to show.

2. Increased rates consequent on basic wage increase: the further increase in the rate for 'entire and knowing' was to even up the distribution of power for that to be compared with 'entire & wheeling'.
3. H.H. approved. Delegates told that increases would have bad effect on Colony's economy, but accepted to have the work complete amicably, expeditiously and economically. K.H.

20/9



244  
The Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Dept.,  
Stanley.

19th Sept., 1949.

Dear Sir,

For your information, a copy of the proposed peat cutting agreement is attached.

The deputation to discuss this with you is as follows:-

The Chairman, General Secretary, Mr R Hills, and Messrs.  
J Rowlands and H.V. Summers who represent the peat cutters.

I would be grateful if you could ring me up as to whether two o'clock this afternoon would be a suitable time for this talk to take place.

Yours faithfully

*R. V. Goss.*  
General Secretary.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT AND  
THE FAULKLAND ISLANDS LABOUR FEDERATION.

CUTTING GOVERNMENT PEAT.

1. (a) The peat shall be cut etc., by employees of the Public Works Department at the piecework rates specified below. In the event of there not being enough cutters, ricklers etc., available in the Department other workers shall be engaged from outside on the same rates and conditions.

*The Peat Officer has been in full contact with the supervisor of the EE*  
(b) ~~The supervision of all peat work shall be left to the Peat Officer without any interference from any other officials, but the Peat Officer shall retain the right to refer any question to the head of the Department if necessary.~~ The Peat Officer shall always be a native of the Colony.

*No*  
(c) ~~The Peat Officer shall select the cutters and other workers for peat work,~~ shall approach employees of the Department well before the season starts as to whether they wish to take on any piecework, and shall receive applications from persons wishing to take on any piecework.

*No*  
(d) ~~No man shall be compelled to take on any piecework against his will, and no cutter shall be put on rickling etc., after completing cutting, unless he wishes.~~

2. The following piecework rates shall be paid for the various tasks:

Cutting and Throwing... 7d pr cubic yard.	Cutting and Wheeling ..... 9d p.c.y (suitable barrow supplied)
Cutting and Wheeling .. 9½d " " "	Opening up New Banks..... 8d " "
(using own barrow)	
Rickling..... 2½d " " "	Throwing out Rickled Peat..... 2½d "
	(first yard only)
Stacking..... 3d " " "	Wheeling and Stacking..... 4d "

Notes. The rates for cutting and wheeling are inclusive of an extra ½d per yard for keeping peat five feet from the bank.

The Department will supply the planks necessary for wheeling.

Where more than one yard of rickled peat has to be thrown out the rate shall be arranged between the Peat Officer and the individual doing the work.

*at the rate of 15/- a wk*  
3. The usual cost of living bonus ~~of 2/8 per day~~ shall be paid in addition to piecework rates, ~~subject to a minimum week of 45 hours,~~ except where this is reduced by bad weather.

*By arrangement*  
4. When, in the opinion of the ~~Peat Officer~~, weather conditions are unfavourable for cutting or any other peat work, employees shall revert to their usual hourly rates and shall be employed, so far as practicable, at their usual tasks, or at some other work as is found practicable.

5. The workers shall be transported to the bogs each day at 7 a.m. and back to town at 5 p.m.



6. Shelters shall be provided at convenient points at the bogs, with a reasonable amount of peat for firing. In the event of there not being any shelters within a reasonable distance of the places where men are working, such men shall be transported to town for dinner at 12 noon and back to the bogs at 1 p.m.

7. The workers shall be paid for all Government Paid Holidays provided they do not work at peat on Government banks on those days.

8. The peat shall be cut, thrown, and wheeled as necessary, in places pointed out by the ~~Peat Officer~~. *EE*

The surface of the ground to the depth of three inches shall be properly cleared and the existing walls of peat cuttings shall be cut away before the measurements are reckoned.

The sods shall be properly cut and to be size 9" x 9" x 6". Any peat cut in excess of the size stated shall not be paid for and the bank shall not be measured.

The measurements shall be those of the peat in its original situation.

On wheeling banks a space of at least nine feet shall be left clear.

On banks on which peat is thrown down a space of at least three feet shall be left clear.

9. ~~Stacking, rickling and throwing out rickled peat shall be done in accordance with the reasonable directions of the Peat Officer.~~

10. If any part of the work, in the opinion of the ~~Peat Officer~~, *EE* has been improperly performed, the Department reserves the right to stop any person from cutting or doing any of the tasks referred to in this agreement.

11. This agreement shall be ~~subject to alteration if necessary, and shall be reviewed by a meeting of both sides before the beginning of each peat season.~~

Signed .....

Executive Engineer.

Signed.....

Chairman.

Date .....



87.

A.

E.E.  
Draft amended form of agreement  
(85-86) f.g. 2 pc.

R.H. Jones  
23/9/49

H. Ag. C.S.

notes thank you.

that the Dept. of Home Affairs is the principal as suggested in the  
proposals

C.H. 22 Sept '49.

R.H. Jones  
23/9/49





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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT AND  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS LABOUR FEDERATION.

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(b) The Peat Foreman shall direct all peat work under the supervision of the Executive Engineer. The Peat Foreman shall always be a local man.

2. The following piecework rates shall be paid for the various tasks:-

Per Cubic Yard.

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Stacking..... 3d	Wheeling and Stacking.....4d

Notes. The rates for cutting and wheeling are inclusive of an extra ½d per yard for keeping peat nine feet from the bank.

The Department shall supply the planks necessary for wheeling.

Where more than one yard of rickled peat has to be thrown out the rate shall be arranged between the Peat Foreman and the individual doing the work, subject to the provisions of (b)

3. The usual cost of living bonus at the rate of 15/ per week shall be paid in addition to piecework rates.

4. When, in the opinion of the Executive Engineer, weather conditions are unfavourable for cutting or other peat work, employees shall revert to their usual hourly rates and shall be employed, so far as is practicable, at their usual tasks or at some other work as is found practicable.

5. The workers shall be transported to the bogs each day at 7 a.m. and back to town at 5 p.m.

PPS

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10. This agreement shall be reviewed by both sides before the beginning of each peat season.

Signed.....*R. K. Wicks*.....  
Acting Colonial Secretary.  
~~RECEIVED~~

Signed.....*R. K. Wicks*.....  
Chairman.  
Falkland Islands Labour Federation.

*Wicks*  
*10/10/49*



It is requested  
in any refer-  
ence to this memo-  
randum the above  
number and the  
date may be quoted.

5th. December, 1949.

To. The Hon. Col. Sec.

From. Executive Engineer.

Stanley.

Stanley. Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Peat.

I have the honour to inform you that consequent on the increased rates of pay for the winning of peat the average cost per load (excluding Cost of Living Bonus which the peat cutters are paid in addition to the price work rates) is now 6/5d.

To cover the cost of living bonus, the cost of moving and wastage, I suggest that when Government sells peat in the 1949 - 1950 season the cost should be 6/5d. & 20% i.e. 7/8d. per cart load.

*C. F. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.

*6/12*  
*Hs H.*  
*ACS. I do not see any paper fixing the price last year. What was it?*  
*9/12*

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So far as I am aware there is no record in this Office where the retail price of peat is fixed.

2. Will you please record hereon the prices charged say over the past five years.

the increased cost of living which  
the Government is now paying in  
the form of increased cost of living  
allowances. I have the honor to inform you that consequent on  
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the form of increased cost of living allowances. I have the honor to inform you that consequent on

Prior to 1948, when the new conditions of service were introduced sales of peat were made very rarely. Consequently, revenue received from this source was paid into unforecast and no records kept.

The rate at which peat was sold in the 1948/1949 season was  $6^s/6^d$  per load (cart)

12. XII. 49.



E.E.

I agree that Government should'nt lose on the re-sale of peat, that would mean a hidden subsidy to the Government officials to whom it supplies the peat. On the other hand an increase of 1/2 per load in one year is a lot. Can you tell me what private people in the town who do not cut their own peat are paying? The P.W.D. price may well fix the price for others, and an increase such as this would be a valid argument in favour of the contention that the cost of living had risen again.

2. Roll on the new power station.



15/12/49.

H.C.S.

The H.S. m.O has had his peat cut privately this year.

The cost exclusive of stacking is 7/- per load

Eff 6 Jan 1940.

E.E.

I think we might make it 7 1/3 per load.



9/1/50.

H.C.S.

noted by and arrangements made accordingly  
for all peat cut subsequent to the end of the <sup>48</sup>/1949 season

Eff 23 Jan '50.

25/1/50



# Falkland Islands Labour Federation

FORMED 28TH OCTOBER, 1943

All communications should  
be addressed to the  
General Secretary.

Registered under the Trade Union and  
Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1942

Telegraphic Address:  
"Federation Port Stanley"  
Telephone: 123.

Federation Office,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
.....31st October, 1951.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Sir,

## Peat Rates.

With reference to our discussion of the 24th of October, and to your suggestion to the effect that the Federation should submit revised rates for Government Peat Cutting etc. I am directed to inform you that a meeting of Federation members of the Public Works Department called to discuss this question on the 29th of October, was cancelled through insufficient attendance, thus implying that the members concerned are not interested. The General Committee regret therefore that they are unable to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*R. L. Goss*  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

*Y.E.*  
This is a pretty fair admission of failure.  
May I bring s/w to discuss with E. Y.E. at convenience?

*W.L.*  
*1/11/51*

*Yes,  
early.*

*100% xi*

*We have the S.O.A. to make,  
very largely, for this situation.*

*The sooner we get out of this  
circled to all. decline the better.*

*19/12/51*

*ack receipt pl  
2/1/52*

*This arrived in Office today  
seems a bit late now to act?*



Extract from minute by H.E. the Governor to Hon.  
Col. Sec. of 19/5/53.

(Original filed in 0284/VI/34-41 - Estimates 1953/54).

Expenditure.

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IV. (11)(12) I think we could economise to some extent by introducing Rayburn ranges and slow-combustion grates (as in C/S's house - same type; what is it?) in all Govt. quarters and give the housewife a much-needed break at the same time. Did we get by with the supply last year? We were in difficulties when I left. What was the final decision regarding peat hauling vehicles and say I see the reports on the small automatic peat-cutting plant? Young is I believe investing in one for the Company and is toying with the idea of briquetting I believe.

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Copies filed on: 1421 - Peat Cutting Machinery.  
1482 - Peat Haulage.  
0035 - Peat Briquetting.  
0825 1/2 - P.W.D. Stovers for Govt. Quarters.

S/S.

Agree for your comments, pl.

*[Signature]*  
1953.

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16/6/53

- 1) Rayburn stores are now on order.
- 2) Owing to the long dry spell we got by very well with last years peat supply altogether only 7 cutters were employed but 15,000 cubic yards were cut.
- 3) Two new lorries were purchased but we are still waiting for the double wheels.
- 4) Peat report on small machines attached

RGL

21/6/53

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Honourable Colonial Secretary

I have the honour to state I visited Ireland in September 1952 for the purpose of examining machinery for cutting peat. When I arrived I found the peat harvesting season was terminated but by the kind permission of the Irish Turf Board one machine was taken from the depot and put to work for my information. I was taken to Ballydernot which is 40 miles from Dublin by the Manager of Herbert Blane Ltd. for which I was grateful.

This machine was a self driving turf cutting machine No 2 DRP. (German patent) and is capable of cutting 16 tons of dry peat per day by one man. Consumption of Gas Oil was 16 gallons per day. This I consider is good going but is not enough to cover the commitment of this Government. If this Government wants to cut peat by this Tractor and cutter, two would be necessary to meet our commitments.

Very large bogs are needed to work this machine as it only takes off 2" of peat at a time. When the peat is dry it is cleared off and cutting operations start again, this is done 6 times in a peat season with good weather. The moisture is extracted from the peat but I am sure it dries more quickly than in the Falkland Is., it is cut much smaller and can be used quicker. This is a great advantage.

Next I visited Ballymore bog where I saw peat milled for Brickettes. The initial outlay for this plant I was informed was £250,000, which in my opinion is far more than we can afford.

This is exactly what I had feared.

One of the greatest...



Next I visited Tallymore Terravene Bog. Here excavators were working digging banks to a depth of 18 ft. Here again this is too costly a plant for our commitments. and we have no bogs in the Falkland Is to my knowledge capable of taking such a plant. I also had the privilege of seeing many Danish De Smithke machines cast aside and rotting as I was assured by the Irish Turf board they were useless.

In conclusion I would like to say everything that could be done by the Irish Turf Board and Herbert Blume Ltd for me was done. and I feel sure that with the peat cutters here getting so scarce we shall have to get machines. As we have bogs here large enough to warrant these machines. and if Government agrees I would suggest purchasing 2 (two) No 2 D R P (German Patent) Turf cutting machines

A. G. Gwynne  
Supt of Works  
7/6/53

Y.H.

(94) et seq

I suggest we discuss further with Shw tomorrow. He does not mention whether a skilled driver is required.

2) F.I.C. are also interested & I think an early step is for Mr Bonbon, Shw & Peat Officer to reconnoitre the bogs & see if we have suitable banks which will last us for some years.

agb

Agree. I discussed with Young  
huc who is I believe  
getting an 1st class  
X machine a difficulty? Some German models



See 1421

Pa.  
Q.  
2016.

URGENT

(File)

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So How is the Peat  
supply? Are we taking  
all necessary steps to ensure  
against a shortage if the  
weather does not break soon?

W. J.

HCL  
All persons using Gov Peat have  
been warned to go easy and I have  
borrowed approx 20 lorry loads from  
private persons.

This I think is all I can do at the  
present. If the weather clears we shall  
be able to get 400 yds from a Gov  
bank.



W. J.

21/9/53

W. J. has seen

R. C. 22/9



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

11th. JANUARY, 1951.

Sir,

I should be grateful if you would inform me at your earliest convenience, the number of cart loads of peat you require for the first nine months of this year.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C. F. Bunting*  
Executive Engineer.

Mr. F K. Elliott.

STANLEY.

Y.E.

During the last two or three years many expatriate Government Officers have had the greatest difficulty in obtaining sufficient peat for their needs. Prior to 1951 the P.W.D. seemed to cut enough peat annually for the needs of public buildings and surplus to sell to expatriate Government Officers. At that time the Executive Engineer used to send round a circular letter (see letter attached) to check requirements and presumably arranged to cut sufficient peat to cover.

Expatriate staff would very much appreciate being able to obtain peat from the P.W.D. again and Y.E. might consider increasing the cutting force during the peat season.

It is interesting to note that peat in 1949 was less than 6/- a cart load - it is now as much as 12/6 from private contractors.

*Y.E.*  
7/9/54.

C.S.

N.E. but this is not as a complaint but in the hope of getting the provision of peat for Govt. Officers considered.

P.C. speak

D.K.W.

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Y.E. The short answer is, I fear, shortage of labour and increased Govt consumption. Govt



used to be able to employ nearly 20 men on peat cutting during the season and last year we scraped together 7 with difficulty.

- 2) The consumption has greatly increased with the rebuilding of the Town Hall & the erection of the Church wall wing (which have batters which ~~cut~~ devour peat) and will be further increased by the Infant School.
- 3) As a result, all officers other than Ex Co. (& married pilots who fly long hours & Sundays) have to cut their own peat or make arrangements with contractors to provide it. Govt peat is of course sold to new arrivals while they are settled in.
- 4) The price has increased as cost; price of vehicles & spares etc., has gone up. The present Govt price is 8/9<sup>d</sup> a cart and the contractors vary in excess of this according to the distance of the Bops.
- 5) I am afraid the only hope I can hold out is if the peat machine proves a success & Govt can again afford to sell to officers.

7/29

\* PS Contractors also supply better peat than Govt and some, for one, prefers to make private arrangements.

PC. KIV when we see how the machine gets on  
 B. 9 months - there is no hope of supplying Govt men at present. OKA  
 B. 6 months 7/12/29  
 B. 1/12/50



H.C.S.

Fill Bud. accy to 100 pl  
W.H. 7/12

~~Brennan~~

Pl. arrange for Sept. weeks to discuss this  
with me after lego.

Ch. J.  
7/12.

X<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 19/12  
B. Q.

I have discussed with Sept. P. W.  
H.F.A. is possible at the moment

T.A.

Ch. J.  
20/12



H.C.S.

With reference the attached request from M. Smith. ~~It is quite~~ obvious that Mr Smith has done all that he possibly can to obtain peat, and that unless the Government can assist him he will shortly be without fuel.

x/ 2. Sir Miles Clifford ruled that pilots would be entitled to peat from P.W.D. provided that early morning flying was taking place, since early and late hours prevent officers cutting their own peat. This concession was not extended to the engineers, as at that time they did not wish to obtain Government peat. But the argument applies almost as much to the engineers as it does to the pilots, and I would therefore be very grateful if favourable consideration could be given to this request.

Reply at 106

*H.M.*



A.C.B. Regret  
cannot back.

Roberts.

28-2-56

File & turn up X

22/2

5 Koss Road West  
Port Stanley  
20. 2. 56. 103

## 2:- The Harbourmaster

Sir

I request that I may be given permission to purchase approx. 10. loads of peat from the Public Works Dept.

On my return to the Colony in Sept. of last year I arranged with the contractor who supplied me the previous year to cut 200 yds. but owing to ill-health he informed me about two months ago that he would be unable to supply me.

Since that date I arranged with two more cutters to supply me, but it is now apparent that they also will be



unable to do so.

I have advertised over the local radio and have only managed to buy two small loads, and so have now on hand at the most three months supply.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

M. A. Smith

J. B.

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102 - 104

I have discussed with S/W - Smith is not entitled to Govt. feed & L.W.D. are not in a position to supply him with 10 loads. S/W's target for feed this season was 20,000 yards but all he managed was 17,000.

There are, I suspect, many more in the same position as Smith & we cannot deplete Govt. stocks by supplying all & sundry. S/W is however willing to let Smith have three loads on replacement every next season & I am afraid he will have to make this do. He can buy pasture free to make it one.

Would J. B. agree to this pl?

Q  
29/2.

yes  
JRA  
29

Draft away. pl.

Q  
1/3.

H.C. Draft ofc.  
JRM  
1/3/56



106.

2nd March,

56

To: Harbour Master,

From: Acting Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

102

I am directed to refer to your undated memorandum regarding the purchase of 10 loads of Government peat for Mr. M. Smith and to inform you with regret that Government stocks will not permit further sales. In view of Mr Smith's circumstances and as a special concession (which must not be regarded as a precedent) His Excellency has agreed that Mr Smith be issued with three loads of peat on a replacement basis. The peat must be returned as early as possible next season.

(Sgd) J. Bound.

Acting Colonial Secretary 30/9/56

By 9/9/56  
from 9/9/56

107

Bel 15/x.

8/1/x.

SW

106 The feat has been returned?

Longford  
17/10/56

Hes

No feat has been returned to date

20/10/56

WJF

S.W.

what is pres. pt.?

WJF 20/11/56

20. 12/11/56

BU 20/11/56

Hes

No feat has been returned to date

WJF 5/12/56



6th December, 56.

To: The Director of Civil Aviation,

From: Acting Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Peat loaned to Mr. M. Smith.

106 With reference to my memorandum of 2nd March, 1956,  
I am directed to ask you to ascertain from Mr. Smith when  
he will be in a position to commence replacing the peat  
loaned to him by Government.

(Sgd.) W. Hirtle.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

MC

*Reply coming in 12/12/56**bu 12/12/56 H.**Reply at 109*

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# MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

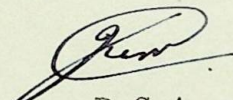
12th December, 1956.

TO: The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.


From: The Director Civil Aviation,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Peat loaned to Mr. M. Smith.

108 Reference you memo. 0032 dated 6th/12/56. Mr Smith has been approached regarding replacement of Government loaned peat and informs me that the peat in question will be replaced as soon as this years cutting is suitable to transport. He regrets that this peat has not already been replaced as he had difficulty in obtaining a peat cutter.

  
D.C.A.

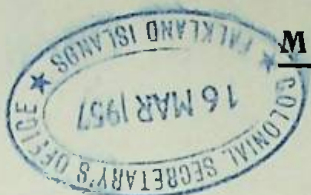
S.P.W.  
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HCB I have again spoken to Mr Smith and he has again promised delivery but no peat has been returned to date.  




No. 12/42.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



## MEMORANDUM.

16th. MARCH, 19 57.

TO: THE HONOURABLE,  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STANLEY.

FROM: THE AUDITOR.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

SALE, AND CHARGING OUT, OF PEAT.

When dealing with the accounts of the Public Works Department I frequently came across the term "load" of peat which appears to be the basis on which peat is sold, or charged to other departments.

Enquiry of the Superintendent of Works produced the information that "load" means a horsedrawn cart load of 3 yards and that Govt. lorries carried 4 such loads.

Further enquiry revealed that the quantity of peat carried by a P.W.D. lorry would vary according to the class of peat and the actual peat carrying capacity of the various lorries has never been measured. The figure of 12 yards is therefore an arbitrary one and Government may be losing money, or incorrectly charging out the cost of supplying peat, to an unknown extent.

I do not understand why the unit for selling purposes (or for charging other departments) should be the "load". It would seem reasonable to suppose that if peat is produced by the yard it would be sold by the yard, and the entire annual cutting of peat accounted for to within a small margin of error.

I do not propose at this stage to offer any suggestions as to how this can best be done. The point I wish to put forward for Government's consideration, is that the "load" method of charging is unsatisfactory and that peat should be measured by the yard, and that there should be some record showing how the entire peat supply has been accounted for.

AUDITOR.

*File & pass  
to S/S for  
consideration of  
Dept.*



8/11

for observations pl.

for C.S.

22/3/57.

HEL

It has always been the custom of P.W.D. to sell peat by the load. If the consumer gets peat cut and carted by a contractor a price is given before hand and that is the price. But in Government and only the following are supplied on payment.

The Hon Col Lee

The Hon the Treasurer.

The Airfield Pilots.

The Dentist

One Doctor.

I do not consider we can charge by the yard as this price would include.

- (1) Cost of a full time cook.
- (2) All wet weather cost
- (3) Transport to and from the Bogs
- (4) Difference in Whelling & Throwing.
- (5) Stacking in Sheds and on Bogs
- (6) Bones

This I consider would be unfair.

ALL

2/4/57



Y.H.

Following a query raised by the Auditor on the charging of peat to various Departments, I have discussed with S.P.W.

2. For the purpose of next year's Estimates (where Departments are billed for peat), the P.W.D. has asked for £3,500 to cover peat cutting. Apart from a few private purchasers (Y.H., myself, Ken, Royce & Jacoby) all peat is delivered to Departments. For the purpose of Departmental Estimates of Expenditure, the S.P.W. informed Heads of the sum they should insert to cover peat for 1957/58 on the basis of the following loads:-

G.H.	- 100	Chief Constable	- 12
Studios	- 4	Superior Store	- 45
Hospital	- 140	W.P. Station	- 50
Gardens Cottage	- 30	G.H. Gardens	- 20
Orderly & Cartage	- 20	Schools	- 107
Secretariat	- 80	Met. Station	- 32
Dockyard Bldg	- 50	Garage	- 60

a total of 750 loads. Private consumers buy 82 loads.

3. On the basis of 35/- per load, total revenue according to P.W.D. will be £1456 against £3500 for cost of peat.

4. On the other hand there must be a big surplus of peat at the end of the year. There is an average of 12 yards to a load of peat. With 832 loads consumed (9984 yards) there should be 5,016 yards left over at the end of the year, roughly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all peat cut.

5. Government peat is costing 4/8 a yard to cut (15,000 yards @ £3,500) equivalent to 56/- a load of 12 yards. If charged out at cost, revenue would amount to £2329.12.0 for the 832 loads delivered.

6. The average for peat cut and delivered by a contractor is about 35/- although it varies according to the location



of the bank. It appears, therefore, that Government peat is costing far too much to cut. There are, however, certain factors which must be taken into consideration. Government provides a cook for the peat cutters - £5.5.0 a week for about six months every year. There is also double handling in many cases as the peat must be removed from the bank during the season, stacked elsewhere and then re-loaded later and delivered as required.

7. As the purpose of the next financial year I think it would be advisable if (P.W.) took stock of all its peat on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1957. This should then be added to the number of yards cut during next season, subtract the number of yards delivered and then see what the stock is on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1958.

8. I would be opposed to increasing the price to Departments during the next financial year until we see what the stock position is. The price may have to be revised in subsequent years but it would be wrong to charge Departments next year at the rate of 56/- per load.

9. There is one small matter, however, which must be corrected. The Gaol has to load a year (this excludes the Chief Constable's quarters). Out of this the Police Station is heated. In addition, St. Mary's Church is also heated for which they pay Government £10 a year. Government also does the stacking - a (P.W.) labourer takes the peat daily from the shed to the Gaol stockhold and the duty Constable does the stacking. Gaol peat costs £105 a year (at 35/- a load). I consider that the heating of St. Mary's is worth at least £50 a year. If you have no objection I see then that as from the 1<sup>st</sup> May our costs will be increased to £150, giving the reason why.

D. H.



Act. C.S.

I agree 7 & 8. - but I am not happy about 9. Government

does subsidize the churches in other ways - e.g. free internal passages -  
half (I think) the Colonial Chaplains' stipend etc. I know that  
the R.C. Church is grossly overstaffed and that they could well  
make economies by cutting their costs according to their cloth. An increase  
yes - but one of the order of £400 is I think a bit too much. I would  
only feel happy about a fee of £20 p.a. - but explain that we estimate  
it costs us £50 and that Government considers that they should bear a greater  
proportion of the cost. But first please check and make sure that  
\* | they have not in the past been given some sort of undertaking or guarantee.  
Also the 1<sup>st</sup> May is a bit too abrupt - 1<sup>st</sup> July would be reasonable.

6/7/57  
4.4.57.

Our file to me. pl.

KIV III

J. 5/7

Office.

Pl. check early on \* supra.

J. 24/7

no undertaking.



0032

30th April,

57

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Government has had under review the cost of heating various buildings.

2. For your confidential information the cost of peat used in the heating of the Police Station and Saint Mary's Church amounts to £105 per annum, in addition to which there are certain labour charges. It is estimated that it costs in peat alone about £50 a year to heat Saint Mary's.

3. For the past several years a charge of £10 has been made for heating the Church but it is now considered that a greater proportion of the cost should be met by Saint Mary's.

4. I am to inform you, therefore, that with effect from the 1st July, 1957, the charge for heating Saint Mary's will be increased to £20 per annum. You will appreciate of course, that this sum in no way meets the actual cost to Government but in the circumstances it is considered fair and reasonable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A.G.Denton-Thompson.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Reverend Father Landman,  
Roman Catholic Church,  
STANLEY.

SGT/MF

Copies sent to: Acting Colonial Treasurer.  
Superintendent Public Works Department.

See 140

Bel. 12/5  
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S/15.

para. 7 & 8 of 113.

Re. please accordingly.

~~HC.~~  
13/5.

Her

117

I will arrange accordingly.

all

12/6

16/6

The Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association,  
(LOCAL COMMITTEE)  
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

13th September, 1957.

Sir,

At the recent Joint Meetings between this Association and the Labour Federation it was learned that Government include the top sod in, and pay for, one cubic yard of peat. This is contrary to the usual practice both in Camp and Stanley.

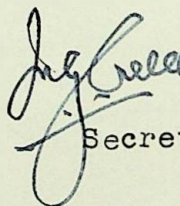
As the top sod is discarded Government are presumably paying for rickling and transport of peat which is in fact not handled again after being cut.

I am to request that you will consider the matter with a view to reverting to the usual custom of measuring peat to the exclusion of the top sod.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Dec 125, 126

On f. 6.  
14.9.57



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See

Review - in 1949 a Peat Cutting Agreement was drawn up between P.W.D. & the Lagoon Federation - p. see 88 & 89, x on para. 8 of 89 is relevant in the present issue.

2. According to Clause 10 of the Agreement (p. 89) it was intended to review annually - but there is no record of this having been done.

17/9

120

Sept. P.W.

- 1) J118. We shall, I think, have to fall in line. By comments?
  - 2) You will no doubt wish to discuss the Murray problem of peat cutting!
- If so 9.30. am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

P.H.F.  
17/9/57.

Hel

120.

We have discussed.

AGH

22/9/57

Hon. C.S.,

I have seen Mr. Toye, The Supt of Works, the Peat Officer and the Lorryman's delivery book.

On 16/1/56  
The story commences with an arrangement between Mr. P. Davis (who occupied the house before Mr. Toye) Mr. H.D. Jones and the Public Works Department whereby Mr. Jones bought the peat owned by Mr. Davis but left approximately two loads in the shed to carry Mr. Toye over the first month or so of his tour. Mr. Toye was to repay the two loads later.

On 9th April, 1956, two loads were delivered to Mr. Jones and two to Mr. Toye. The Peat Officer actually rode on the truck and saw the delivery to Mr. Toye's shed.

On 10th April four more loads were delivered to Mr. Toye and the Peat Officer was again present at the time of delivery. This made a total of six loads delivered plus two left by Mr. Jones in the shed of Mr. Toye.

Mr. Toye bases his case on the comparative quantity of peat in his shed

- a) when there was said to be eight loads and
- b) when he knew there were four loads. (February 1957 when four were delivered to an almost empty shed)

Mr. Toye states that some of his friends expressed doubt at the time that his shed contained eight loads but being a newcomer with no idea of what a load of peat should look like he took no action.

During the period of his occupation of the house both Mr. Toye and his wife have been away from home for a good deal of the time. Mrs. Toye teaches and Mr. Toye's occupation frequently keeps him away for full days. His consumption of peat is, he states, consequently lower than in many other homes.

In February 1957 he had less than a load in his shed and he asked the P.W.D. to supply him with four more loads. When this had been delivered and he saw the pile made by four loads he felt convinced that, some way or another, there had not been eight loads in his shed at the time he occupied the house.

The eight loads in doubt lasted Mr. Toye ten months and this I regard as a very fair rate of consumption for an average small house. In the peculiar circumstances of Mr. and Mrs. Toye being away from home much of the time it is possible that their consumption might be less than average. The type of peat would have an important effect of consumption. The cost of the eight loads was £14.

The lorry drivers book, supported by the word of the Peat Officer that he actually saw the peat delivered makes a strong case for the P.W.D. Receipts for peat delivered are not obtained because so frequently the householder is not available at the time of delivery.



Mr. Toye's case, based on the comparison of the pile made by four loads to that made by eight loads some ten months earlier is not a strong one, except to himself. Government has no means now of making its own comparison.

My recommendations are that the Public Works Department records, supported by the statement of the Peat Officer, should be accepted. To do otherwise would amount to a reflection on the fidelity of the Peat Officer and would raise the question that if the loads were not delivered to Mr. Toye, then where did they go.

Mr. Toye's peat bill of £14 for ten months is far from excessive

*L. L. L.*  
Ag. C.T.  
16.10.57

KIV 120.

● The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.

Stanley.

With the Manager's Compliments.





8th November, 57.

The Superintendent of Works,  
Public Works Department,  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

As a result of Government having increased the contract rate for peat cutting by one penny per cubic yard three men have left the Company's employment today because we refused to pay more than last year, i.e. 1/- per cubic yard excluding top sod, 5/4d per 8-hour day, plus transport to and from the peat bog.

We understand that Government was requested by the Sheep Owners Association last August to bring their peat cutting contract into line with normal Camp practice, which is also observed in Stanley other than by Government, namely that a cubic yard of peat does not include the top sod which averages three inches in depth.

Now we learn that in order to compensate <sup>the</sup> Government peat cutter for doing work which he should have done anyway, he is to be paid another penny per cubic yard, so that in effect Government contract is again out of line with other employers.

Kindly let me have your comments on the foregoing at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

*A.G. Barton*

Manager.

Reply at 126.

Copy to Colonial Secretary.

*I will reply*

*AGB*

*11/10/57.*

13th September,

57

125  
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 8th November, 1957, addressed to the Superintendent of Public Works on the subject of the Government rate for peat cutting.

2. The decision to increase the basic contract rate by 1d. per cubic yard was taken for two reasons:-

- (i) for a number of years Government peat has been cut on the basis that a cubic yard of peat does include the top sod. Consequently conformity with the request of the Sheep Owners' Association has meant, in effect, a change in what has become an established practice so far as the cutting of Government peat is concerned and a consequential reduction in the basic rate;
- (ii) Government is compelled to cut a considerable amount of peat and has no alternative but to compete for the services of the very limited number of people who are prepared to cut peat. Consequently the rate must be reasonably competitive and a moderate adjustment was clearly necessary, particularly in view of the fact that the previous rate has in effect been reduced by conformity with the practice of excluding the top sod in calculating, for payment purposes, the amount of peat cut.

3. Government is unable to accept the contention that "it is again out of line with other employers". In fact the rates offered by other people and concerns are, generally speaking, more generous than the Government rate which, even as it now stands, is really insufficient to attract the number of peat cutters required to meet Government commitments which for obvious reasons must be met.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Company Limited,  
STANLEY.

AGDS/ME



Yes.

122 resubmitted p.

Q  
15/11ACS.

Please advise Mr. Toye in writing that his representations with regard to his great supply have been fully investigated by the Acting Colonial Treasurer who, having discussed the matter with Mr. Toye and the P.W.D. and having examined the accounts, has recommended that the original account should stand. This recommendation has been accepted by Government.

Add the advice to Mr. Toye that when new supplies are delivered he should endeavour to arrange with the P.W.D. that they are delivered at a time when it is convenient for Mr. Toye to be present.

B. J. J. J.

16/11/51



0032

19th November,

57.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your representations with regard to peat supply have been fully investigated by the Acting Colonial Treasurer who, having discussed the matter with you and the P.W.D. and having examined the records, has recommended that the original account should stand. This recommendation has been accepted by Government.

2. In order to avoid any misunderstanding in the future I am to advise you that when new supplies are delivered you should endeavour to arrange with the P.W.D. that they are delivered at a time when it is convenient for you to be present.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. G. C. Toye,  
STANLEY.

JB/MC

Copies to: Supt of Works.  
The Acting Colonial Treasurer.



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S/Ls  
124 J. i.  
8  
25/11

131

HCS  
Noted by ALH  
21/11/51

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133

For further letters from Mr. Toye - sh. come  
in today  
8  
25/11



Ross Road,  
Stanley.

22nd November, 1957.

Sir,

129 With reference to your letter No.0032, dated 19th November, 1957. I wish to refer you to para 2, in which you advise me to endeavour to be present when new supplies of peat are delivered.

I must point out that this was not possible in the case of the delivery under dispute, as this delivery was made without my knowledge, and before I became a tenant of the house.

As I have stated, a later delivery of 4 loads was found to be larger than the alledged 8 loads for which I had paid. This caused me to make enquiries from P.W.D.

I found that two deliveries were made on different dates, this may be a significant fact. It was also suggested by P.W.D. that some of this peat may have been stolen, this is possible, as one of the peat-shed doors is missing. If, in fact, the peat had been stolen, I claim that I am not responsible for payment, because this would have occurred prior to my tenancy.

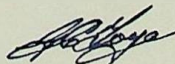
I wish to make clear that, except on very rare occasions, we use the Rayburn only. As both my wife and myself are away for most of the day, the Rayburn is "banked down" for at least 8 hours during our absence, and therefore, the consumption of peat is exceptionally small, and it would not be possible to use 8 loads of peat in 9 months, under these circumstances.

The fact that a delivery of 4 loads of peat made last February will have lasted me for approximately 11 months during the past severe winter, while the alledged 8 loads lasted for only 9 months, is conclusive enough evidence for me to assume that a mistake has been made.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Reply at 137



134

A/c.

Reverse - for observations, &c.

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Mr C. S.,

I have previously (from Audit) taken up the matter of selling Government rice by the yard instead of by the load. The yard is the unit by which it is cut, rickled, stacked, etc, but sale is by the load.

A load may vary from a long loaded level with the sides of its cart to a pile stacked as high as the cart - instances are seen frequently, and I can only suggest that Mr Toy's eight loads were "little" ones and the four loads "big" ones. The price is the same.

L. G.

12/12/57

A.C.S.

Mr. Toye should be informed, in reply to J. 133, that the matter has been given further consideration but it is regretted that the original decision must stand. Admitted that, as he will appreciate, there is a certain amount of differentiation, so far as size is concerned, between loads. He is, however, quite at liberty to make other arrangements for the purchase of his peat.

C. G. J.  
12/12/51.



0032

13th December, 57.

Sir,

133 I am directed to refer to your letter of 22nd November, 1957, on the subject of the supply of peat and to inform you that the matter has been given farther consideration but it is regretted that the original decision must stand. I am to add that, as you will appreciate, there is a certain amount of differentiation, so far as size is concerned, between loads. You are, however, quite at liberty to make other arrangements for the purchase of your peat.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. G. C. Teye,  
STANLEY.

JB/MC

138  
A.C.S.

D.C.F.  
16/12.

139  
A.C.S.

Recd, Thank you. n/a  
L.G. 17/12/57

9/1/58

D/O.

Would you please refer to the discussion we had a few days ago about the cost of the heating arrangements for St. Mary's.

115 As I pointed out in my letter to Landman on the 30th April, 1957, we estimate that it costs Government £50 a year to heat the church. In the circumstances I feel that the proposed charge of £20 per annum was not entirely unreasonable particularly as it has been necessary to ensure that Government Services such as this are as far as possible self-accounting.

On the other hand I certainly agree that there is force in some of the arguments that you put forward during the course of our discussion and I suggest that the charge might be fixed at £12 instead of £20. This still represents a subsidy on this item of £38 a year and the reduction of £8 in the charge fixed in April of last year. I hope you will see your way to agreeing to this proposal.

A.G.D.T.

Monsignor J. Ireland,  
The Prefect Apostolic,  
St. Mary's Church,  
STANLEY.

AGDT/MC

Recd 21.1.58  
9/1/58.

Reply at 141



141



# PREFECTURE APOSTOLIC OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

10th. January 1958.

Dear Mr. Denton-Thompson,

In reply to your letter of the 9th. inst.,

I thank you for your sympathetic consideration in the matter of the heating of St. Mary's Church which we recently discussed.

I now have pleasure in accepting your new proposal namely that the cost of the partial heating of St. Mary's Church be raised from £ 10 to £ 12 per annum.

Your kindly consideration is much appreciated.

yours sincerely,

*J. Ireland*

*Prefect apostolic,  
Falkland Islands.*

The Hon.,

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

*On file  
Mr. H/TZ*

5/45

162.

Re. nte 140-141

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Seen thank you

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16/1/58



No.

## MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



13th March, 19 58

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Supt. of Works. P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Peat Supply.

I have the honour to inform you of the persons who are supplied with Government Peat:-

Mr. A. G. Denton-Thompson. ✓

Mr. S. G. Trees. ✓

Mr. J. Kerr. ✓

Mr. G. Toye. ✓

Mr. I. Campbell. ✓

Dr. Jacoby. ✓

2nd Doctor. ✓

X Mr. N. A. Barnes. ✓

Meteorological Station. ✓

Mr. P. Peck. ✓

Mr. S. McAskill. ✓

X Mr. J.B. Swann. ✓

Mr. M. Smith. ✓

The Chief Constable. ✓ (found in peat).

Mr. N. McGill. ✓ (T.B. Patient).

X J. Green ✓

X P Byrne 3 ✓

X A.E. Linnam ✓

D. M. Williams ✓

. Hartley ✓

S. H. H. H. H. ✓

*[Signature]*  
Supt. of Works.

17th March, 58.

To: The Superintendent,  
From: The Colonial Secretary. Public Works Department,  
STANLEY.

Sale of Peat

With effect from the 1st April, 1958, all Government peat sold to private individuals will be increased in price from £1 15s. Od. to £2 0s. Od. per load.

2. The following officers are entitled to be supplied with peat:-

The Colonial Secretary.

The Colonial Treasurer.

Doctors.

Dentists.

Director of Civil Aviation.

Pilots.

Chief Constable.

Orderly to His Excellency.

The occupant of the Gardener's Cottage, Government House.

Mr. N. McGill (T.B. Patient).

No person, other than the holders of the above posts, is to be supplied with Government peat unless the prior permission of the Colonial Secretary is obtained, except that a reasonable quantity of peat should be made available to officers on first arrival in the Colony.

(Sgd.) S. G. Jones.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SGT/MC

Copies to: Treasury.  
Audit.

See 147.

10/4/58.



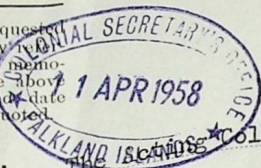
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# MEMORANDUM.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

10th April, 19 58

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



To: The Honourable,

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial Treasurer.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Sale of Peat.

146. With reference to your memorandum No. 0032 of 17th March, 1958, to the Superintendent of Works, on the above subject, may I draw your attention to the Stores Regulations, 1931, Regulations 17, I, (ii) which states that sales of fuel to Government officials will be at cost price.

The price quoted in your memorandum under reference is £2. per load and as I have previously stated in a memorandum from Audit, and an investigation into an alleged overcharge of Mr.G.C. Toye, the "load" varies according to the size of the truck and to the conditions under which the driver is working, e.g. hourly rate or contract.

No authority exists for selling Government peat at any price other than cost, and it is considered that the Superintendent of Works be instructed to charge on this basis.

*L. L. L.*

Acting Colonial Treasurer.

LG/WB.

*File Reg. 12/1/58*

148

26 Ct.

147 constitutes a major exercise involving costing, etc.

While I agree with what you say, I don't think we can tackle it until S.P.W. returns. We have to carry on charging as if a load is in the meantime.

17/4/58

Mr. G.

149

148 noted, thank you. In the meantime the costing must be done in the Treasury - it does not appear to be a difficult operation. The appendices arise when it comes to measuring the quantities delivered.

18/4/58

L.G.

17.4.58

20/11  
20/9  
18/4/58



C.I.

148 para 2.

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21.11.58.

Acc.  
figs are being  
produced as result  
of question raised by  
Les Hardy at SPC  
last Saturday.

R 21/11/58

Reu. <sup>17/11</sup> 20/11 5/11/59

Mr. Reed

Have figures  
been produced?

Don  
5/1/59

MO's. not yet. Re. done  
up (w/).

Reminded Sw D  
guar. today. Don  
H.A.T. Don 2/2/59

R. 5/1/59

20  
Don 12/1/59



8th October,

To: Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

Government Peat.

I am directed to inform you that the following conditions and rates will apply for Government peat cutting during the 1958/59 season:-

1. The peat is to be cut, thrown and wheeled as necessary, in places designated by the Superintendent of Works, or the Officer delegated by him.
2. The surface of the ground to a depth of three inches is to be properly cleared and the existing walls of peat cuttings are to be cut away before measurements are computed.
3. The sods are to be properly cut and to be 9" x 9" x 6", or less. Any peat cut in excess of this size will not be paid for and the bank will not be measured.
4. The piecework rates to be paid for the peat measured in its original situation are as follows:-

Cutting and wheeling .....	1/7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d per cubic yard
	using own barrow.
Cutting and wheeling .....	1/7d per cubic yard
	using Govt. barrow.
New banks, first yard only,	
Cutting and Throwing .....	1/6d per cubic yard.
Cutting and Throwing .....	1/4d per cubic yard.

5. Alternative employment will be found at the usual hourly rates when, in the opinion of the Peat Officer, weather conditions are unfavourable for peat cutting.
6. On wheeling banks, and banks on which peat is thrown down, a space of at least three feet is to be left clear.

2. It will be observed that the bonus of 8d an hour paid during the 1957/58 season has been abolished and incorporated in the new piece-work rates, together with the increase of 6d an hour awarded Stanley hourly-paid labour as from the 1st January, 1958.

3. This new system of payment is based on the assumption that an average peat cutter will cut 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yards an hour. Those cutting in excess of this average will benefit from the higher rates.

See 151

(Sgd.) A.G. Denton Thompson  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copies to: Treasury  
Audit

SGT/LJH.

Bm 29/11

18th October,

58

To: Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

Government Peat.

150 Further to my memorandum of the 8th October and as a result of representations made by the peat cutters engaged by Government, the rates set out in para 4 of my memorandum under reference are amended as follows:-

Cutting and Wheeling ..... 1/6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cubic yard  
using own barrow.

Cutting and Wheeling ..... 1/8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cubic yard  
using Govt. barrow.

New banks, first yard only,  
Cutting and Throwing ..... 1/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cubic yard.

Cutting and Throwing ..... 1/5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cubic yard.

The revised rates will apply during the 1958/59 Season.

(Sgd) A. G. Denton Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SET/FH

Bu 20/11/58(149)

Copies to: Treasury,  
Audit.



0032.

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11th November, 58.

To: The Civil Engineer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Peat Cutting.

With reference to your recent discussion with the Colonial Treasurer and the Officer-in-Charge, Public Works Department, concerning the temporary transfer of certain of the German road workers to peat cutting, it is confirmed that the men are to continue with such work for an additional week, i.e. until the 19th November. They will revert to your department on the 20th November.

This extension has been necessitated by the loss of 7 cutting days caused by weather conditions and the fact that certain of the men have taken a part of their annual holiday during their secondment.

The position regarding peat supplies will be reviewed at the end of the year since it may be necessary to transfer certain of your labour force for another short period of peat cutting.

(Sgd.) A.G. Denton Thompson.  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 20/11  
Q

CCM/V.JH.

Copy to O.i/c., P.W.D.

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No. FIDS 85/227

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



16th January, 19 59.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Secretary, F. I. D. S.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Peat.

Owing to a breakdown in the F.I.D.S. peat arrangements it was necessary for me to borrow three loads of peat from Government in October, 1957, on the understanding that it would be returned to P.W.D. by the end of the 1957/58 season. Owing to the unexpected departure of Mr. Elliott on transfer to Swaziland, it became necessary for me to remain in Stanley for another year which forced me into the position of having to use the peat which I had set aside for return to Government. I had hoped to obtain three extra loads this season for return but without success.

I have now had a letter from P.W.D. requesting return of the three loads loaned to me. In the circumstances I should be most grateful if I could be permitted to pay for the three loads of peat in order that I may clear this outstanding commitment as soon as possible.

Supt. P.W.

154

Can we help this time?

19/1/59

Reply at 154

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. S. Snelton".



155

HCS

yes we can help but I understand W Green has just purchased 150 yds of peat from W Mc Laran.

W.G.

20/1/59

A.C.S.

156

He probably wants to stick up. let him pay if he wants to.

W.G.  
22/1/59

22nd January,

59.

TO: The Secretary,

FROM: The Colonial Secretary.

Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey,

STANLEY.PEAT.

153 I am directed to refer to your Memorandum FIDS 85/227 of the 16th January, and to state that in the circumstances permission is granted for you to pay for the three loads of peat borrowed from the Public Works Department, on the understanding that any peat borrowed in the future will be replaced.

(Sgd) J. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

JB/FH

Copy to S/W.

JL  
9



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MEMORANDUM.

29th January, 19 59

To: ~~The~~ Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Purchase of Peat.

Due to my late return to the Colony and the fact that the peat bank belonging to my house was cut by Government I will be grateful if permission can be given for me to purchase 12 lorry loads of peat.

*R. L. Kuhlman*

Supt. of Works.

ACS

159

I think this is alright. ?

047

$$30/1.4$$

Reply at 162.


KIV note at bc

160.

NES.

Reverse.


S/Ls is not entitled to peer and the application is made in acc. with the last para. of 146. Let him have it this season on the strict understanding that he must make his own arrangements in the future?

  
31/1/59.

161

A.C.S.

Thank you. As you suggest please.

  
31/1/59



0032.

162.

2nd February,

59.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Purchase of Peat.

158.

I am directed to refer to your memorandum of the 29th January, 1959, and to state that in the circumstances permission is granted for you to purchase 12 loads of peat this season on the strict understanding that you must make your own arrangements in the future.

(Sgd.) J. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Copies to: Treasury  
Audit

JB/LJH.

Bu 5/2/59  
B.B.M.  
Re  
e

163

Ref. 148

Poulin at 15/2/59.

Aspt P. H. D. has supplied statement  
of cost of formation as per and this  
will be passed to S.F.C. when it  
next sits.

L.G.  
15/2/59

164

A.C.T.

Thank you - I shall wait to see it will

before S.F.C. sits.

W.J.

15.2.59

165

H.S. Pl. see flagged reply from S.P.W. in Treasury file attached  
Mentioned in S.F.C. - Pl. 28/4/59 19/2/59



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MEMORANDUM.

20. 8 1959

Supt. Works.

Supt. Education.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

It is requested that I may purchase 2 loads of peat until my own is brought home.

*J. L. Swann*

*HCP*

167

I consider this should be granted

5/5 But where does this end?

168

21.8.59

*J. L. Swann*

21/8/59

169

Hes We spoke and I have let Mr Swann  
have two (2) loads on loan

AGL

26/8/59

la  
26/8/59



EXTRACT FROM A MINUTE FROM H.C.S TO O.A.G. OF 14. 9. 59

Original filed in 1040/A/II

Peat Cutting

Should start early October this year and the position regarding cutters should be gone into now.

Action taken:

- (i) Thursday 8th Oct. fixed as commencement date;
- (ii) S/W has four volunteers for peat cutting so far and has hopes of more nearer the time. Prospective cutters (the majority of) do not like signing posted notices in advance.

Peat cutting is  
↓

Peat cutting commenced

8. 10. 59.

du  
10.10.59

built 10/59 ER  
built 10/59  
10.10.59

24th November,

59

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: Colonial Secretary,

Public Works Dept.,

STANLEYPeat for Auditor

The Auditor has discussed with me the question of his peat supply having regard to the fact that it is now very late in the peat cutting season.

2. I consider there is a reasonable case for providing him with peat from Government sources until he is in a position to make his own arrangements.

3. Please make the necessary arrangements accordingly.

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY



172

10th May

60

From: The Officer Administering the  
Government

To: The Superintendent of Public Works

Supply of Government Peat

The Government peat supplied to officers and private individuals should, with immediate effect, be increased from £2.0.0d a load to £2.10.0d a load.

Those officers who are supplied with peat should be informed accordingly and advised that the reason for the increase is that the present charge of £2.0.0d a load does not cover Government's costs. In fact, if Government were to recover the full cost the charge would be higher than the revised charge of £2.10.0d a load.

Officer Administering the  
Government

AGDT/MR

H.C.T.

11560

No.

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## MEMORANDUM.

12th September, 1960.

To: The Honourable.

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From: The Superintendent of Works

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Government Peat.

I have the honour to submit for approval the conditions and rates for Government peat cutting during the 1960/61 season:-

1. The peat is to be cut, thrown and wheeled as necessary, in places designated by the Superintendent of Works, or the Officer delegated by him.
2. The surface of the ground to a depth of three inches is to be properly cleared and the existing walls of peat cuttings are to be cut away before measurements are computed.
3. The sods are to be properly cut and to be 9"x 6", or less. Any peat cut in excess of this size will not be paid for and the bank will not be measured.
4. The piecework rates to be paid for the peat measured in its original situation are as follows:-

Cutting and Wheeling. . . . . 1/8 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cubic yard.  
using own barrow.

Cutting and Wheeling. . . . . 1/8d per cubic yard.  
using Govt. barrow.

New banks, first yard only,  
Cutting and Throwing. . . . . 1/7d per cubic yard.

Cutting and Throwing. . . . . 1/5d per cubic yard.

Rickling . . . . . 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per yard.

Throwing Out. . . . . 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per yard.

Stacking  $\frac{1}{2}$  . . . . . 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per yard.

5. Alternative employment will be found at the usual hourly rates when, in the opinion of the Peat Officer, weather conditions are unfavourable for peat cutting. Any employee who leaves the Peat Hut without the Peat Officers approval will lose all wet time for that day.
6. On wheeling banks, and banks on which peat is thrown down, a space of at least 3 feet is to be left clear.

Hes.

174

Supt. of Works.

This is an up to date version of 150 and 151 with the addition of the figures for rickling, throwing out and stacking.

13.9.60

175

Hes.

8/12/60

later amendment



176

SW.

173 To note pl.

See

15.9.60

177

HCS

Noted thank you

ALL 22/9/60

10/29960

g. 2.

Special warrant for signature if approved  
I consulted Messrs Clement & Hardy, Mr Gosselin  
one of them

16/3/61

179

ACS

We spoke. I have signed S.W. but

This sort of thing must not happen

again.

16.3.61



CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 0032  
18th March, 1961.

MEMORANDUM NO. 4 FOR STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Payment for Peat Supply

A sum of £3,000 was allocated for "Peat Supply" during the financial year 1959-60 which was £850 less than was allocated the previous year. The supply of labour and the weather were both favourable in the year 1960-1961 and the Superintendent Public Works found himself in a position to lay in greater stocks than before. When it came to the notice of the Treasurer the vote was likely to be exceeded the Superintendent Public Works was informed that if any money was spent without the approval of the Standing Finance Committee the Superintendent Public Works would be personally responsible. The Superintendent Public Works then pointed out that unless the extra £200 was made available it would be necessary to stop work immediately.

2. At this stage I consulted Messrs. Clement and Hardy who were the only two members I could contact and they agreed that the work ought to proceed.

3. Honourable Members will I am sure agree that it was desirable that advantage should have been taken both of the favourable state of the labour market and the favourable weather conditions to lay in as large stocks of peat as possible but I must express extreme regret that the need for extra expenditure was not foreseen in time to enable all members to be consulted in good time. I trust that the provision of an extra £200 will be approved.

*RHDH - LHM*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

RHDH/LH

*Copies sent to members of S.F.C. 22/3/61.*

*AM*

*sc.*

CONFIDENTIAL

*see 189.*

*BU 10/4/61*

See for letter from Sam.  
(in B. 8. 8. 8. 8.)

See 2. 5. 61





The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

3 John Street.  
Stanley.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1961

Dear Sir,

Having returned recently to Stanley and rented a house I am experiencing difficulty in obtaining peat and have been advised, as a last resource, to approach you on the matter.

I have managed to buy three lorry loads from various sources and think that another four loads should carry us through to the spring.

Trusting that this matter will receive your favourable consideration.

I am, sir

Yours faithfully,

Martin W. H. Biggs

Reply at 188.

for CL

182

See 166-169

Perhaps SVP wd. consider issuing against replacement.

183

Ack'd.

RB

22/4/61.

b to a Gene Series

22/4/61

184

He is a married man of approximately 60 yrs who has just returned to the

24.4.61



185

Colon after being to UK for  
medical advice. I believe he  
suffers with Parkinson's disease

SPW  
24-4-61

186

SPW.

We has endeavored to have - Government servants who belong to  
leg 10 but I don't know whether we can go as far  
on this. (Could we be sure of getting it back? 2

25/2/61

187.

WCS Mr Hardy has peat on his bank and will  
return but I regret to say this man has only one  
arm and I cannot see any guarantee of the peat  
being returned. If this is allowed I think we  
shall get many others.  
I also think the the Town Council is going to be  
another of our commitments.

Report

23/4/61

WCS  
27/4/61



1st May,

61.

Sir,

181

I am directed to refer to your letter of 20th April, 1961, enquiring as to the possibility of obtaining peat from Government, and to inform you that it is regretted that Government is unable to meet your request.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. M.W.H. Biggs,  
STANLEY.

RB/LH

by 4.6.61  
for SFC Minute  
extract

Extract from Minutes of Standing Finance Committee Meeting held  
on the 3rd and 4th May, 1961.

NOTE:

S.F.C. approved the expenditure of £200 under Head XVI  
Public Works Department Recurrent 10 Post Supply.

180 refers.

PO  
14. 6. 61





D Wallace  
8 James St  
Stanby

20/7/61.

The Hon. Col. Sec.

Dear Sir.

I should like to make a request of you, if it would be possible for you to let me have one Load of peat as I am living with Mr. W. J. Kirk and he took me on the condition if I could get some peat as he has got some in the Peat Bog, and would be willing to change a load now and replace it when it can be got from the Bog. I will stand good for it. I asked Mr Livermore and he said no.

Sir I would be much obliged if you would think this matter over.

Danny Wallace

Ack'd <sup>HH</sup>  
21/7/61.

Reply at 193

191

NH

190 We refused Mr Biggs  
at 188 and we should do likewise  
here?

26th  
24.7.61

yes <sup>102</sup>  
2-7/61



25th July,

61.

Sir,

190

I have to refer to your letter of the 20th July, 1961, regarding the loan of a load of peat and to inform you that it is regretted that Government is unable to meet your request.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for Officer Administering the Government

D. Wallace, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

DRM/IL.

5th August,

61.

Madam,

I have to refer to your recent conversation with the Officer Administering the Government, regarding the loan of a load of peat and to inform you that it is regretted that Government is unable to meet your request.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for Officer Administering the Government

Mrs. A. Duncan,  
STANLEY.

15

16

P. E. G.



4PI

195-

G.S. vide list on 146.

SPW suggested that we should add

"unmarried ladies from England". This would include such people as to teachers or to

P.G. This appears to me to be reasonable as they can not be expected to let their own

I do not know what would happen about the young ladies of F.I.D.S. but SPW says that we could supply them too if necessary

or

4/10/61

employers of Govt.

196.

Would not "unmarried women occupying Govt. quarters" be better? Pl. check with H.C.I. if any snags. I added it in case of any misunderstanding over places like Hoddon village.

9th 4.10.61

H.C.T.

197

any steps please. 2.

R. G. 6/10/61.

H.C.S.,

198

There is the question of the selling price.

I understand that contractors have recently increased their prices by considerable amounts and at the meeting the other morning with S.P.W. & Heat Officer the question of the Govt rate price was discussed. S.P.W. agreed to produce latest



cost figures. We now need a policy decision  
as to whether Govt should continue to provide  
peat at less than cost price. I think we  
would have a cost reception in S.F.C. if we  
told them we were supplying F.I.D.S. stuff  
at less than cost.

L.G.

6.10.61

199

SPW could now be authorised to supply to them  
after S. Gorman  
He should also report what is the estimated cost  
of the first & recommend what should be  
charged -

2  
6/10/61

14  
10  
8th October, 61.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Government Peat

120155 (605) 1002  
I am directed to inform you that approval is hereby granted for you to sell peat to unmarried female employees of Government occupying Government quarters.

2. I am to request you to submit a report of the estimated cost of peat together with a recommendation regarding the price to be charged for the sale of peat.

(Sgd) D.R. Morrison.

Copies to: Treasury  
Auditor

for COLONIAL SECRETARY



12  
Priggo wants to speak.

P.V. 10 - now

2  
19/10/61

We are sending him 3 cartloads F

2  
24/10/61

Bu(200) 27.10.61

Shown to L. Kiermas.

We have not finally fixed the rates for all  
houses - We are of course still  
suggesting old rent at old prices

P.V. in a manner

P.V. in Lovers

2  
11/12/61

2  
30/10/61

~~Bu 1.12.61~~

Bu 18.12.61

P.V.

2  
2/1/62

## Peat cutting rates

## Throwing dirt.

Present. SPW. Peat Officer A.C.T.

After banks have been cut to excess  
leaving lower banks projecting too far.

Thus the term "throwing out" as regards  
lower banks is no longer applicable.

but a lot of carrying is needed too.

Agreed

1. That where carrying is necessary
- 2d can be paid.

x) the old rate  $7\frac{1}{2}$  d will be paid when

there is no carrying.  
Peat Officer will gradually try to improve the situation  
or  
9/1/62.

Hon C.T.

S.P.W.

and/or

Corroborate please.

203

15/1/62

H.C.S.

204

Notes, thank you

L.G.

205

16.1.62

H.C.S.

Noted. Thank you.

R. Pictor.

S.P.W.

WCS

206

Noted thank you

D.H.

17/1/62

B.U.



3/1/62 for 1000

BU 2 weeks

2/28/62

BU Monday 12.2.62

BU for D.H. 19/2  
or

BU Monday 19.2.62

Stolen to Phil Summers  
This is his death with. Cor to Government  
we get more  
2/28/62 BU 31.3.62 (200)

Note.

Folio 208/9 (letter from Mr. M. Biggs)  
returned to The Hon. R.V. Goss.

Rev. 12/3/62

0032

27 February,

62.

To: The Superintendent,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.Peat

208 See annexed letter. Could Mr. Browning please go into this and settle it amicably. Mr. Goss, Member of Legislative Council, brought the letter to me. The position is:-

1. Clifton apparently brought one load which was left there.
2. When he brought the second load they complained of the quality.
3. I am told that when they proposed to pay Government back with what Mr. Clifton had brought, Mr. Browning refused to accept it saying it was not proper peat.
4. Mr. Clifton when questioned by me said the peat he brought was from the Tumbledown and was good peat. I explained that I was sure both sides would accept the verdict of the Peat Officer as to the quality of the peat. He seemed to agree.

Our position is as follows:-

1. Since we lent Mr. Biggs peat and expect him to repay us we must satisfy ourselves that the peat he repays us with is good.
2. Mr. Biggs being paralysed deserves some sympathy and help.
3. We propose to let Mr. Clifton have a loan on especially favourable terms because he is doing a service to the community in helping with the supply of peat. This is on the assumption that he performs the service properly. If he is in fact swindling helpless people we do not wish to encourage him.
4. The peat in question is said to be covered up now by some other peat which Biggs has got - elsewhere I think but I believe it has been seen by the Peat Officer.
5. I feel sure that both parties will accept the verdict of the Peat Officer as to the value, if any of the peat which has so far been brought and I suggest that the matter be settled accordingly. I promised to let Mr. Goss know the result.

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders

52 COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Yiv 207

Bu 7.362



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MEMORANDUM.

3rd March, 19 62

To: The Honourable,

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Peat.

I interviewed Mr. Clifton in the presence of Mr. Browning, Government Peat Officer. During the interview Mr. Clifton claimed that people had different ideas of good peat.

Mr. Browning stated that the quality of peat from the Tumbledown would not be acceptable in exchange for Government peat loaned to Mr. M.W.H. Biggs.

It was then agreed that Mr. Clifton would not lay any claim against Mr. M.W.H. Biggs, who has since then obtained a small quantity from another source.

On further discussion it seems that there is no bank where a Contractor can cut good peat.

I suggest that a Surveyor be employed to survey and plot the existing banks, also Mr. Browning suggests that a Committee who know good peat should be formed to inspect the Common for further supplies.

*P. Clifton*  
Supt. of Works.

*Browning*  
Peat Officer.

*M.W.H. Biggs*  
Peat Contractor.

212

209 has to go back to the Govt. and also of  
1st 3 hours of 211. Add it appears but we are diffident  
in a contractor who wishes to cut peat so his is being  
given in to "

*Present*

*212*

0032.

2143

12th March, 62.

Sir,

I am directed to return Mr. M.W.H. Biggs' letter regarding peat and to enclose a copy of a memo by the Superintendent of Works on the subject.

2. It appears that there are difficulties for a contractor who wishes to cut peat and this is being gone into.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Honourable,  
R.V. Goss,  
STANLEY.

RHDM/IM.

KIV 213.



No. 0032

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## MEMORANDUM

27<sup>th</sup> February, 1962.

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Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

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*R. J. Anderson*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

RHDM/LH

Stanley.

12th February, 1962.

Dear Sir,

I shall be grateful if you will draw the attention of the appropriate authority to the following matter.

Some time ago I applied for the loan of three loads of peat from Government on condition that I replaced it.

I arranged to have twelve loads of peat delivered, three of which were to be taken to the Government.

On Monday, January 29th we received two loads which is absolutely unburnable and were told that the remainder would be in the same condition.

My wife asked the lorryman on the telephone to take the second load away and he agreed to come the following morning to remove it, two days later refused to take it away unless we paid him double, which needless to say we refused to do.

We requested the Peat Officer to examine the peat and he promptly condemned it and said Government would not accept such rubbish which of course was obvious to me.

I am now faced with the double problem of returning the loan to Government and finding peat for ourselves for the winter.

I trust that you will give this matter your earliest attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Martin W.H. Biggs

Copied LH



SPW

(Copies to Hon. Col. Treasurer & Auditor)

Hiring of Government Lorries for Peat Carting

Government lorries may be hired for peat carting to those who cannot get private contractors to do it.

They should be charged by the hour. The price should take into consideration the time taken to go and do the job and come back and should NOT include time spent getting out of bogs. It is suggested that it might be £1 an hour (the extra half crown to cover waste of time through possible bogging).

It is not possible to try to work on an advance account and receipts should be credited to revenue, Head 10 subhead 8.

The Auditor considers that it is more satisfactory to charge by the hour and that the lorry should clock out and in. In the event of bogging the driver should record where he was bogged and the amount of time wasted.

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders

13th March, 1962.  
RHDN/FH

215.  
214  
**ACTION**

KIV 213  
para 2

205

A.C.S. vid. last para of 211  
and you suggest a board?  
8/16/3/62

Hon C.S.

206

I wd. suggest George Malcolm (P.E.) + Dick  
Henricksen (Military). I did have in mind Charlie  
Clifton but I doubt whether he could spare the time  
from having + in any case, we shd have to offer pay-  
ment as it could not be done in a few hours.  
Mr Malcolm has spent a few years peat having + Henricksen is one  
of our "prize cultivators."

17.3.62

afhu  
8  
17/3/62

217.

G. S.

Please see 214.

Special warrant submitted to cover  
the Court to us.

for

24/3/62.

218.

HCS

We have spoken & I have also mentioned  
to S.P.W.

2. I understand we are casting only for  
people who cannot get the job done by  
contractors. But I can see this leading to  
our doing all peat casting our day.

3. I shall be interested to hear what  
has happened after casting season ends.

~~PA~~ 27.3.62

BU 3 waken  
for



P5/29.

AUDIT OFFICE,

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26th. March, 1962.

Sir,

re Hiring of Government lorries for peat carting.

214 With reference to your directive to the S.P.W. of the 13th. March, 1962. I regret to have to inform you that the S.P.W. has not kept the time clock cards requested for the lorries out on hire.

2. Before I spoke to you re the necessity to have an independent time check on the period the lorries were absent from the P.W.D., I discussed the proposed arrangements with the H.C.T., and the use of the time cards was considered by both of us as a necessary check on the lorry hours billed to the hirers. I also discussed this with the S.P.W., and was under the impression that he understood what was required. After your directive, I again went to the P.W.D., and made sure that the Chief Clerk understood what was required on the time card. On Thursday the 22nd. March, I enquired from the clerk how the records were going, to learn that the S.P.W. had decided to completely disregard your instructions, and was relying solely on notes kept by the driver without any cross check whatsoever. This arrangement is completely unsatisfactory, and notes kept by the driver are unacceptable to audit as financial records of the hours billed.

3. Once again, a head of department does not appear to realize that he holds two positions, one as S.P.W., and one as accounting officer P.W.D., and that the instructions were issued to him as accounting officer. The S.P.W. had more than ample time from the issue of your instructions on the 13th. March, to the 20th. March, when he started private carting, to raise any objections he wished. It is a complete waste of time of this department and the Treasury in attempting to safeguard public funds, if the S.P.W. is going to ignore accounting instructions as and when he sees fit. He apparently wishes to accept the sole word of the driver as the basis for his financial records, however, the Treasurer and I, probably with more accounting experience, appreciate that you cannot run an accounting system on notes kept by a driver.

4. I am sorry that due to Executive Council, I was not able to bring this matter to your attention earlier.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*John G.*

Auditor.

Buf  
The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Secretariat,  
Stanley.

214

S/W.

I am sorry that the last paragraph of my minute of 13th March, was perhaps not worded in sufficiently definite terms. I intended to convey a definite instruction to clock out and in. It has since been brought to my notice that the lorries were not clocked out and in and I spoke to you and gathered that you had discontinued this as it serves no useful purpose in your opinion. As explained above however my letter was intended to convey a definite instruction that the lorries were to clock out and in and this therefore has to be carried out unless and until the instructions are countermanded. If you have a very good reason for considering that the instruction should be countermanded I would of course be prepared to hear it but in the meanwhile the instructions should be followed.

2. In case there should be any misunderstanding I should like to take this opportunity of making it quite clear that it is the duty of Government as custodians of public money to provide checks wherever possible on the spending and receipt of such money and the Auditor is responsible for ensuring that such checks as are possible and necessary are applied. Government officers are of course all reckoned as being above any suspicion of dishonesty but these checks are provided in respect of all officers regardless of their rank. It would of course be entirely wrong to consider that the imposition of such checks imply any doubt as to the integrity of the officers concerned.

RHDW/LH

0032

3rd April, 1962.

By 15. 4. 62

(By at 218)



No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and date should be quoted.



# MEMORANDUM

4th April 1962

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Private Peat Haulage by P.W.D.

Ref Mem. 13th March, 1962 RHDW/TH.

1. The Auditor considers that it is more satisfactory to charge by the hour and that the lorry should clock out and in.
2. In the event of bogging the Driver should record where he was bogged and the amount of time wasted.
3. According to the Auditor with whom I discussed the matter, all he is concerned about is the amount of petrol used during these hauls, which as I explained to him clocking in and out served no useful purpose as a check.
4. There are three checks as to the amount of petrol used in these vehicles and the signature of the people to whom peat is being hauled (Storemans issue card, vehicle log book and book signed by people to whom peat is being hauled).
5. I can see no reason why the lorry should clock in and out as has been suggested, it all adds up to waste of man hours and amount of peat hauled during the course of a day.
6. As the idea of clocking in and out is not in my opinion practicable I would like to discontinue the haulage of Private Peat until further discussions on the matter have taken place.

*P. P. P.*  
Supt. of Works.

I discussed this further with SPW. H.E. also mentioned to me.

(a) The supposition that Auditor is only interested in petrol is incorrect

(b) but at present the ~~entire~~ <sup>entire</sup> who hire the lorries have a card giving times and SPW submits that this is sufficient check.

870



I gathered from SPW

but (locking) in a real world  
mean a visit to be made after  
each job. I gathered from

Auditor that his was not a  
intention so perhaps there

was a misunderstanding

(c) no other objection to

locking in is that they may

get back late over nobody

is here

hand of course made it plain to

SPW but the final decision would

rest with E & not with him

but meanwhile I have said there

to prevent location can continue

all these gone into it further

It is important

~~that~~ but we should not make

any unnecessary difficulties for SPW

6/4/61



H.C.T.,  
Auditor,  
S/P.W.,

Peat hauling for private parties.

Clocking in.

I have requested S/P.W. to discontinue this for the present as it appears that it is holding up the work to some extent.

I would like to discuss the question further with S/P.W., H.C.T., and Auditor at 9.30 a.m. Tuesday.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
14th April, 1962.  
Ref: 0032  
RUDM/LH

*J J a cs*

I went in to him again with the HCT, SPW  
 & condition.

It was agreed that ~~he~~ in the circumstances and  
<sup>clocking in</sup> ~~clocking in~~ ~~clocking in~~ he ~~could~~ would take of 100 marks time

It was considered that as it was likely that ~~hand~~  
<sup>hand</sup> ~~hand~~ would have to be undertaken and <sup>reason</sup> ~~from~~ ~~again~~ it  
 would be advisable before he ~~was~~ commenced to devise any  
 further ~~check~~ ~~ready~~ I could be verified that ~~at the time~~  
 he ~~was~~ period engaged in private work was fully accounted  
 for. To do this it would be necessary to keep ~~some~~ <sup>record</sup> ~~record~~  
 showing when he ~~was~~ ~~actually~~ ~~out~~ ~~of~~ ~~work~~ ~~at~~ ~~when~~  
 he was in the garage. Possibly this could be achieved by  
 the ~~utilizing~~ ~~of~~ log books.

A copy of above would go to HCT, ~~Hand~~ & SPW  
 as he can be ~~held~~ ~~to~~ ~~work~~

30/4/62.

Memo, pl.



0032

226

22 May, 62.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Copies to: H.C.T. & Auditor

Clocking in.

It was agreed that in the circumstances that prevailed clocking in and out would take up too much time, it was considered that as it was likely that haulage of private peat would have to be undertaken next season again it would be advisable before the season commenced to devise some simple check whereby it could be verified that the whole period engaged on private work was fully accounted for. To do this it would be necessary to have some record showing when the lorries were actually out at work and when they were in the garage. Possibly this could be achieved by the initialling of log books.

(Sgd) RHD Manders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

P5/33.

AUDIT OFFICE,

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



3rd. May, 1962.

Sir,

re P.W.D. private peat haulage.

226 I have the honour to refer to your letter 0032 of the 2nd. May, 1962.

2. As the records being maintained for private peat haulage are not adequate for audit purposes, I regret that I am unable to accept any responsibility for verification of payments to the expenditure head for private haulage, or for seeing that all the revenue due to Government from private peat haulage has been accounted for. It was a great pity that the S.P.W. did not ~~make~~ use of the time between your instructions being issued to him, and starting the peat haulage, to suggest any amendments to the instructions while there was still time to do so.

3. I hope that before the next peat season starts a system can be devised giving adequate control over public funds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Auditor.

228

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Secretariat,  
Stanley.

Perhaps the Auditor writes the first  
part to protect himself.

perhaps his is dealt with as 226

he writes H.T.U. See also H.T.U. order on  
the H.T.U. letter. We will have to check in view  
to question of (a) being included in the haulage  
(b) checks on the accounts side.



2290

These two matters are now dealt with  
in separate files. They should both be  
dealt with together. and come up in pres

8/2/62 -

BU 10.9.62 H KW 226

0032

233  
230.

21st May, 62.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Supply of Government Peat

I am directed to inform you that authority has been given for single expatriate female employees of the British Antarctic Survey to purchase peat requirements from your Department. This, of course, only applies to those actually occupying flats.

(Sgd) HL Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

HLB/FH

Sy 31. 7. 62 KIV - 218  
- 226.





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**MEMORANDUM**

13th June 19 62

To: The Honourable,  
  
The Colonial Secretary,  
  
Stanley.

From: Superintendent of Works, P.W.D.  
  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Peat Supply.

I have the honour to submit the following information regarding Peat Supply 1961/62:-

Peat Cut.	12,518 yards.
Expenditure.	£3,537.
Average Cost.	5/8d per yard.

Made up as follows:-

Cutting.	£-. 1.	7d.	
Rickling.	-. -. 6	$\frac{1}{4}$ d.	
Throwing Out.	-. -. 9	d.	
Stacking.	-. -. 8	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
Carting home, wet time, Cooks pay etc.	-. 2.	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ d. 2 - 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
	£-. 5.	8d.	

=====

On the average our Six Wheeler Lorries carry 14 yards which at 5/8d per yard costs £3. 19. 4d.

I will be garetful to learn what price I am to charge for Peat supplied to Government Officers.

*L. Puckton.*  
Supt. of Works.

232

HCT

for advice please  
gr.

H.C.S.

233

If the peat costs 5/8 I can see no reason for charging less for its sale. No stone charge is added in the case of fuel, please see Stores Reg 17.  
*L.G.*  
14. 6. 62

SPW. I observe that  $201\frac{1}{4}d$  is a balancing figure i.e. the other charges per yard are fixed and it is necessary to have a figure  $201\frac{1}{4}d$  to make it balance.

1- Is there also a cross check on this figure i.e. are you satisfied that this is in fact what it costs per yard?

2 / I take it this figure includes everything in the automatic feed bed?

3 / 6 all ~~transfers~~ <sup>deliveries</sup> is being done in to in wheels then it seems that we should charge a round figure of  $\pm 4$ .

P 15/10/62



Hon Col Sec.

Ref 234

The figure of 2/14d is a balancing figure and also includes fuel and oil as well as Carting home, wet time, Cooks Pay etc.

1. I am satisfied that this is a true figure.
2. Yes, it includes stacking in the sheds.
3. If carted in other than Six wheeler Lorries the price will have to be adjusted accordingly.

*R. P. Panton*  
Supt. of Works.  
5th July, 1962.

236

afhd

accordingly

8<sup>th</sup> 7/62.

SPWS.

237

To note please

9.7.62

H.C.S.

238

Noted - thanks.

*R. P. Panton* S.P.W.  
9-7-62.

Hon C.T.  
Amaker

239

To note please

HCS

Noted  
Thank you

241

H.C.S.

10/7/62

Noted, thank you.  
L.C.

9.7.62

242

y.H.

Should we now inf. those who are  
permitted to purchase, of the new rates  
w.e.f. 1.7.62?

243

Is there

any

1/2/62

12.7.62

KIV - 242-3. above. - See 251

1/2/62



Miss Greaves complained to me yesterday that she had received a bill for £40 for ten loads of peat. She stated that when she had enquired previously about the cost of the peat from Mr. Stan Bennett, she had been told that it cost £2.10.-d a load. She also complained that as one of the sheds in which it was stored had no lock, she had lost a large amount of the peat. As regards the cost, from the point of view of Government, the position is fairly clear. Ever since the 10th October (see 200) we have been waiting for a recommendation from the S.P.W. as to the price to be charged for the sale of peat, and if anyone had asked me at any time after that date, I should have said that the cost was being worked out. This must also have been clear to the P.W.D., since the letter was addressed to the S.P.W. I wonder whether there was, in fact, any misunderstanding in the P.W.D., and whether Mr. Bennett or anyone else did lead Miss Greaves to suppose that peat would be supplied at £2.10.-d.

2. The other point is about her loss. On compassionate grounds I should be very sorry to think that she should have to pay this fairly high amount for peat which she had never had the use of, and also I think that Government has some responsibility since we provided the accommodation, including the peat sheds. Our officers seem to be very good at estimating peat, and I wonder whether it would be possible for the Peat Officer to give some idea as to how much of the ten lorry loads has actually been stolen. Whilst on the subject, I should like to know whether her peat is reasonably safe now.

S.P.W. - Could you please report:

- a) Whether, as far as you can ascertain, any sort of promise was ever made by Mr. Stan Bennett or anyone else that she would get peat at £2.10.-d a load.
  - b) Whether the amount stolen can be estimated.
  - c) Whether her peat shed is now secure.
- 52.

RHDM/MW  
July 12, 1962

No.

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

18th July, 1962.

From: Superintendent of Works,  
P.W.D.

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Peat - 90, Davis Street.

1. Two loads of peat were delivered to Miss Greaves flat November 1961, lasting until February 1962.
2. Ten loads of peat were delivered March 1962. Estimated loads in shed beginning July 1962 six loads, which works out at twice the amount being used in the last four months. (One load per month).
3. If the peat is being stolen, then she should report it to the police.
4. Of the two peat sheds in the garden, one has a lock which is not being used as I pointed out to Miss Greaves. The other could easily be locked if she took the trouble to do so, instead of leaving it in the hands of a peat boy who has access to the sheds all day everyday, perhaps he could give some idea where the peat is going.
5. The amount stolen cannot be estimated but if you would like to authorise it, I will deliver two loads. (Government expense).  
I would like to point out that Miss Greaves does not foot the bill for the whole amount, she shares the flat with another teacher.
6. Questioning Miss Greaves she did not know who told her the figure of £2. 10. Od. a load.
7. The price of this years peat could not be worked out accurately until the end of the peat haul April 1962.

*R. P. Pickett*  
Supt. of Works.

245

HCT.

S/E also spoken on this. He felt that if we had attended to price we should not make it have retroactive effect and mentioned something about the loss of contract.

Could you have them. Miss Woods who lives on nearby is affected too

*R. 12/2/62*



1. To miss greases us at 6/c.

2. I would like forms as on the other sheet to be printed or revised as is most convenient

(If a lot could be printed in a book in foil and (If a lot could be printed in a book in foil so it might be nice) I leave detail to be worked out with SPW who might also

to be worked out with SPW who might also to be worked out with SPW who might also consider whether the wording needs any improvement. Consider whether the words need any improvement.

When anybody asks for sent in future this When anybody asks for sent in future this form in duplicate can be sent to them and the sent form in duplicate can be sent to them and the sent supplied on receipt of the signed copy applied on receipt of the signed copy

This is not always necessary as I think

at the beginning of the season one gets old sent All be beginning of the season one gets old sent

of which the price is known in that case they should be advised of the price at once be advised of the price at once

for

20/7/62



24 July,

62.

Madam,

Supply of peat

200 With reference to your verbal representation on the above subject the position of Government is quite clear, namely, that it was prepared to supply peat at a price to be worked out when the cost of producing it was known. This will be seen from the letter of 10th October, 1961, of which I enclose a copy.

2. As it turned out it was not possible to work out the price until the end of the season. Government tries to help certain Government Servants by supplying peat at Government price (or cost price rounded off to a convenient figure) and you will understand that it would be quite wrong for Government to sell to its officers at less than cost price and make a tax payer make good the difference.

3. In point of fact I am inclined to doubt whether you would have got better value elsewhere. If, however, it can be definitely shown that you received wrong information from any Government officer or officers and were definitely led to suppose that the peat would be supplied at £2. 10s. 0d. and that, had you known that it was liable to cost more than this you would have made other arrangements I am quite prepared to consider the matter further.

4. I am exceedingly sorry that some of your peat was stolen but I do not think it would be right to ask Government to pay for that.

I am,  
Madam,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R. H. D. Manders. *sm*

Officer Administering the Government

*See 269*

Miss C. Greaves,  
STANLEY.

RHDH/FH

*K18 - x/ - 246*



SPW.

Re: x/ of 246.

Would you please comment on proposed form filed at back cover.

H.C.S.

249

25.7.62

If you could get the form printed as a book with carbon copy I think it would be a good idea.  
I can't see where I can improve on the wording of the form.

J. P. W. S.P.W.  
25/7/62.

250.

Could printer do this?

82.  
26/7/62

Notes Form passed to Printer to-day. 31.7.62.

251

~~Bu 10.8.62. KW 242-3.~~

Record

242 fwd spoken. Inu sinosisk of peat being supplied now without customer knowing the rate.

28.62

252.

A.C.S.

Forms now received from Printer, pl.

3.8.62.

Bu 17.8.62 to KW advising of form from Printer.

See

to P.W.D.

253

SPW.

Pl. w/d 2 books of forms

Thank you J. P. W. S.P.W.

4/8/62. Bu 10.10.62

4.8.62



From: O.I.C., B.A.S.,

Stanley.

12th September, 1962.

To:- O.A.G.



I find that a combination of peat cutting inexperience and the B.A.S. "busy" season leaves me dangerously short of peat. I therefore request permission to purchase one load of peat from Government.

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Clapp".

E. Clapp.

Reply at 256

Pr.  
I understand but  
you are hopeless  
to let him  
afflict us  
wait for the moment

Tuesday  
22.

Bu 25/9/62

27/9/62 -



2nd October,

62.

Sir,

255

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th September, regarding an application to purchase a load of peat from Government and to say that it is understood that you are now prepared to allow your application to wait for the present.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for Officer Administering the Government

E.C. Clapp, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

HLB/LH

For 10-10-62 (247)

(For Mr 254)

COPY

256a.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Peat Hauling by Government.

At the end of last peat season Government came to the rescue of certain private individuals whose contractors had failed them and did some transport of peat itself.

There seems to be a mistaken impression in some quarters that Government is prepared to undertake transport of peat regularly. This is not the case. Government cannot do any transporting of peat at present and, if it undertakes any in future it will only be to help those who, in spite of all efforts, have been unable to arrange transport privately.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

2nd October, 1962.

Ref: 1482.

DHDM/WH



No. 432/48B

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

8th October, 1962.

O. A. G.

Stanley.

O.I.C. British Antarctic Survey, Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Peat for German Camp.

We require communal peat for the ablutions, hot water boilers and find that organising communal cutting presents difficulties. I therefore request that the German Camp be allowed to buy peat for the boilers. One load of peat is requested in the immediate future.

*E. Clapham*

*Reply at 261.*

*259*

*SPW.*

*would there be any objection?*

*8. 3/10/62*

*H.C.S.*

*No objections*

*11/10/62 10/10/62. P.*

*259*

*Put on f. 256*

260.



J.H. Do you wish to fix a maximum quantity  
of?

not necessary  
82 12/10/62

12.15.62

149.3

125 to 149.3



0032

16th October,

62.

To: Officer-in-Charge,

From: Officer Administering the Govt.,

British Antarctic Survey,

STANDARD.

Peat for German Camp

257 I refer to your memorandum 432/48B of 8th October, 1962, regarding the purchase of peat for communal use at the German Camp and to confirm that authority is given for the purchase from PWD stocks of the amount required to cover heating of hot water boilers at the Camp.

(Sgd) R.H.D.Manders.

Copies to: Treasury  
Audit

Officer Administering the  
Government.

Copy to: SPW

HLB/FH

KIV - 218.

SLC  
Please copy this to HCT ranger  
17.10.62

Vide 218.

Again we should have played 218

when 219 came in — we are doing him wrong /  
points?

1483 attached

There are some other papers about Germany  
concerning private bank or we put ~~information~~ out  
a notice. But we can get a report from SPW  
on the working of the arrangement and then.

Finally, what demand did we put on ~~Germany~~ <sup>PS</sup>  
how much did we claim? How much did we refuse  
and what did they do.

1722 12/10/12.

... (66)

present for subject  
Jibwa

1722 12/10/12



263.

S/us,

as at f. 262, pl.

§  
for C.S.  
18. 10. 62.

264

Hon. Col. Sec.

B/C, a detailed list of peat carted on vote of £200. The arrangement worked quite well, with no refusals though a number of people who could not wait for Government to run their peat managed to get private carters.

I have refused people recently, who expect and want their name on the list this year, for Government to run their peat.

I have told them that Government will not run private peat until the end of the season and that every effort should be made to use the private carters.

*J. Pulton.*

Supt. of Works.

22nd October, 1962.

265

G.E. Above report is really in answer to G.E.'s question at 263.

I am told that carting is going on all night now with one whole time and several part-time contractors but the difficulty, if it arises, will probably arise about financing.

As regards last para of 264 we also put out a notice which appears at 256 A

8<sup>th</sup> 26/10/62

*PA*

29.10.62

*or*

BU 15.1.63

0032

266

12<sup>th</sup> November, 62.

To: Superintendent of Works,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Clocking in

226 My memorandum 0032 of 2nd May, 1962.

It is possible that we may have to undertake this work at short notice and it is desirable that we should be ready in advance. I should be glad therefore if you would work out some effective check in consultation with H.C.T.

*8*  
(Sgd) RHD Manders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

RHDH/FH

Copy to: H.C.T.

*HTV slope Hand  
field making a  
measured and open  
Volume II*



No. 0032.

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MEMORANDUM

15th November, 1962.

From: Superintendent of Works,  
P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Clocking In.

I have spoken with H.C.T. and it was agreed that we use the book system as before in preference to the clock.

*R. P. Panton*  
Supt. of Works.

268

267 noted To Miss G. as at 6/6.

Then to HCT. to note 247 & he letter was  
addressed to Miss G.

to Mr. G. can <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ of course be supplied with  
more ~~from the~~ heat unless he signs. he form referred  
to at 265.

Wanted HCT when returning to file. Please  
confirm 267

or 20/6/62.



269

269

2<sup>nd</sup> November,

62.

Madam,

247 I am directed to refer to letter No. 0032 dated 24th July, 1962, from the Officer Administering the Government and to state that as nothing further has been heard from you it is assumed that you do not wish any further action taken as suggested in paragraph 3 and that you accept the charge.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders. *or*

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Miss C. Greaves,  
STANLEY.

RHDM/FH

SLF  
VOLUME II  
CLOSED  
for

21.11.62  
K.C.

N.F.R.  
for

247 + 269 noted.  
267 confirmed

M.C.S.

271

HCT  
to note 247, 269 + confirm 267 pl  
21.11.62  
R.C. for

270



✓  
T.E.

Debris 115. 140 < 141 when to

a point which came out at yesterday's

Council. Air flying will mean a ~~repetition~~

reopening of the matter & I shall not proceed

to prepare the ground.

✓  
S.I.

As. Thank you  
15/12

15/12

6/6 15/11/67

Closed  
see  
Volume II



DETAILS OF PEAT CARTED FOR PRIVATE PERSONS - SEASON 1961/62.

GUTTERIDGE, P.C.	4 loads.
LEE, MRS. DINA	2 loads.
PECK, A. R.	6 loads.
NESBITT, N.	2 loads.
SUMMERS, P.G.	4 loads.
KING, J.R.	3 loads.
PITALUGA, MRS, EVA	6 loads.
BOUND, H.L	3 loads.
BOUND, J.	7 loads.
SMITH, F.D.	5 loads.
GLEADELL, E.	1 load.
ANDERSON, MRS. RICA	3 loads.
ROWLANDS, W.	5 loads.
MIDDELL, B.J.	1 load.
SLESSOR, DR. R.S.	10 loads.
PORTER, MRS. A.	6 loads.
BENNETT, S.	2 loads.
COLONY CLUB.	6 loads.
STEWART, G.	5 loads.
DESBOROUGH, D.	2 loads.
PEARSON, J.	3 loads.
MCGILL, MRS. S.	2 loads.
PITALUGA, MRS. E.M.	6 loads.
HALLIDAY, MRS. S.	2 loads.
BIGGS, M.W.H.	2 loads.
BIGGS, A.R.	2 loads.
CLARKE, MRS. A.	2 loads.
ALAZIA, A.	3 loads.
DETTLEFF, H.C.	2 loads.
MINTO, L.	2 loads.
HALLIDAY, W.J.	2 loads.
HALLIDAY, L.J.	1 load.
BARNARD, C.	1 load.
MCLEOD, P.	1 load.
SPENCER, E.	2 loads.

The P.R.C. asked me  
 why boat (H.A. XIX / 3)  
 had gone up for £900  
 in pr. over days to  
 £1700 now. Would you  
 please speak at your  
 next convenience?

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Much of the fuel supplied prior to  
 1941 was charged to upkeep of "Sea  
 Walls" or "Water Supply". £900 was  
 never enough. Since then some  
 new sea buildings or others are added  
 to the list of fuel cost each year &  
 every year means more cost.